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## HAMBURG EXPRESS IN COLLISION

Amsterdam, To-day.

Nine were killed and 20 injured yesterday afternoon when the Hamburg express crashed into the rear of a local train standing in the station of a Berlin suburb.

No explanation of the mishap is forthcoming.

Another mishap occurred on the Simplon Orient express nearing Belgrade. Fire broke out in one of the coaches and spread rapidly before the express was halted. The mail coach was saved after it had taken fire.—Reuter.

## BRUTAL NAZI PURGE IN BAVARIA

London, To-day.

Reports from Vienna indicate that reprisals following the Munich bomb explosion are being conducted ruthlessly in Bavaria.

The reports state that more than 5,000 arrests directly connected with the explosion have been made and that the prisoners are being kept awake at night by the noise of shots, indicating that executions are continuous.

Austrian sources declare that a purge is in progress after the style of June, 1934, except that the new-purge is far more brutal.—Reuter.

## ITALY AND REICH

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

BRUSSELS, TO-DAY.

COMMENTING ON THE RECENT SPANISH AND ITALIAN DEMARCHES TO THE REICH ASSERTING THAT BOTH COUNTRIES ARE INTERESTED IN RESPECT TO HOLLAND'S AND BELGIUM'S NEUTRALITY, THE NEWSPAPER "LE SOIR" STATES:—

"Although official information is lacking, we know from a good source that the demarche was not drafted in common between Rome and Madrid.

"Both Ambassadors visited the Wilhelmstrasse on the same day—Monday—but while Italy's notification was cautious and indirect, Spain's was most categorical."—Havas.

## FRITZ KUHN EXPOSURE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Basel, To-day.

It is reliably reported that Germany is considering the dissolution of the German-American Bund, following the trial of the Bund leader, Fritz Kuhn.

The trial entirely discredited the Nazi organization in the United States.—Havas.

## YUGO-SLAV ANTI-NAZI SCENES

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Belgrade, To-day.

Yugoslav students have demonstrated against the anti-Czech measures in Prague and the execution of nine Czech students.

The German Legation was heavily guarded, while the demonstrators cheered and sang anthems in front of the former Czech Legation.—Havas.

## C.I.O. FOR ROOSEVELT THIRD TERM

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

NEW YORK, TO-DAY.

BY A RESOLUTION VOTED BY A HUGE MAJORITY, THE NEW YORK STATE CONVENTION OF THE COMMITTEE OF INDUSTRIAL ORGANIZATION (OF WHICH MR. JOHN L. LEWIS IS THE LEADER) HAS DECIDED TO SUPPORT PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT'S CANDIDACY FOR THE WHITE HOUSE SHOULD HE DECIDED TO RUN FOR A THIRD TERM NEXT YEAR.

The resolution further declared that the New Deal's social reforms must be carried out, while President Roosevelt is the best qualified person to pursue the nation's social re-organization.

The convention represented 900,000 workers of the State of New York.—Havas.

## NO PUPPETS IN POLAND

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Bucharest, To-day.

Germany is vainly attempting to create a "puppet government" in Poland, it is reliably reported.

The presidency has been offered to several personalities, notably M. Stefan Starzynski, Mayor of Warsaw, who has been allowed to pursue his duties under the supervision of the German police.

All have refused.—Havas.

## BRUSSELS PAPER RAIDED

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Brussels, To-day.

The Belgian police have raided the offices of the Communist newspaper "Voix du Peuple," publication of which is forbidden.—Havas.

WEATHER FORECAST:—East winds, moderate; cloudy.

## HITLER AGAIN OUTWITTED IN THE BALKAN ZONE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Paris, To-day.

THE SOVIETS HAVE outmanoeuvred the Nazis in the Balkans just as they did in the Baltic, in the opinion of observers here, commenting on the change in the Nazi attitude towards the Balkan neutral bloc.

Germany has recently been favouring the formation of such a bloc, under the Italian aegis, thus closing the way for Russia to the Mediterranean.

Soviet Russia, however, although outwardly maintaining good relations with the Balkan countries, has brought sufficient pressure on Germany, to compel her to inform the Balkan states that "Berlin does not favour their diplomatic activity, which is not friendly to Russia, Germany's friend."

Another warning is understood to have been given by Berlin to Rumania and Bulgaria against the formation of a Balkan bloc supported by Turkey, as Ankara maintains close relations with Paris and London.

In the presence of a new diplomatic defeat, Germany is attempting to divert the activity of her dangerous ally towards other regions, notably Asia.—Havas.

## ARTILLERY FIRE INTENSIFIED

Paris, To-day.

An official communique states that artillery fire increased last evening.

A small local action by Nazi patrols was repulsed with a loss of six killed. One German prisoner was taken.—Reuter.

## WORSE THAN IN MIDDLE AGES

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Bucharest, To-day.

Warsaw's Jewish section is being transformed into a Ghetto worse than anything known in the Middle Ages, German reports from occupied Poland indicate.

The official Deutsche Nachrichten Buro, the German news agency, reports from Crakow:—

"Civilian Governor Hans Frank has ordered the construction of barricades for the isolation of Warsaw's ghetto, thus not only separating 'Argans' and Jews but also isolating a dangerous area of disease and epidemics."—Havas.

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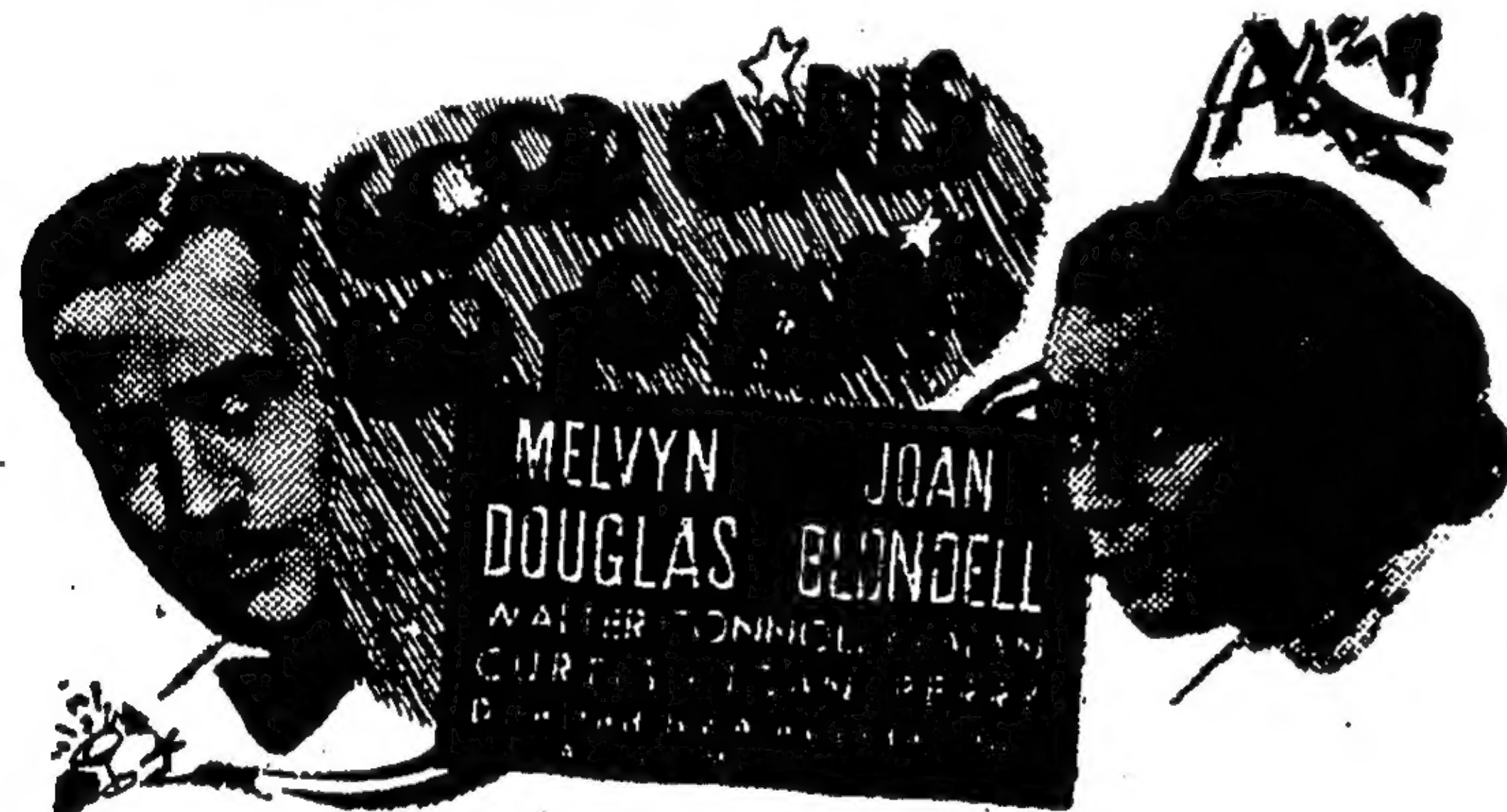
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**NAZI QUEST FOR WAY OUT**

# HITLER PLANS THAT WON'T WORK OUT

London, To-day.

**THE WAR SEEMS** to be going on in every chancel-  
lery, legation and council room but with little in-  
cident on land, sea or in the air, said the BBC  
military observer over Daventry yesterday.

There is talk on both sides and threats from one—  
but little apparent action.

One has the impression that Hitler and Ribbentrop  
are questing in every direction, working out plan  
after plan only to be told by their soldiers and  
airmen that the plan will not work.

Neutrals are less alarmed than they  
were, while the Allies are covering  
up, unleashing a left poke to the body  
every now and again.

Needless to say, this "left" is the  
navy, which is fighting the enemy  
steadily and remorselessly and with wear-  
ing effect. The really vital sphere at  
the moment is the sea and it is there  
that the enemy is losing most deci-  
sively.

There is also rather more air ac-  
tivity. The most interesting event, of  
course, has been the raid on the  
Shetlands by four aircraft, which  
dropped bombs doing only trifling  
damage, on November 13. This was  
the first raid in which bombs actual-  
ly dropped on British soil.

**AN EXPERIMENT**

It was probably an experiment to  
see how the bombers carried their  
loads over that long distance and how  
they fared. As they got away, the  
German propaganda machine has  
made much of the flight and circulat-  
ed the quite unfounded tale that two  
British flying boats were destroyed  
and a cruiser "probably" damaged.

That word "probably" is an un-  
usually neat touch, as it almost—  
but not quite—gives an air of  
reality to a cock-and-bull story.  
There may be some more air raids

at the next full moon.

**DAYLIGHT RAIDS**

The R.A.F. has carried out a series  
of daylight raids over Germany, not  
without loss, it is true, but bringing  
back over 100 detailed photographs of  
objectives, including aerodromes, as  
trophies.

On land, nothing much has happen-  
ed, save in one case, when a German  
battalion broke into the French out-  
post line only to come under costly fire  
from the heavy artillery of the Ma-  
ginot Line.—Reuter.

## BRITISH POLICEMAN ARRESTED

Chungking, To-day.

A British policeman patrolling near  
the Japanese Naigai Wata Cotton  
Mills in Robinson Road, Shanghai,  
was arrested by the Japanese authori-  
ties yesterday, according to a Shang-  
hai report.

He had not been released late last  
night despite the protests of the  
Shanghai Municipal Police.—Central  
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# ETERNAL TRIANGLE MURDER PLOT ALLEGATIONS

**ACCUSED OF HAVING** endeavoured to persuade or proposed to persons to commit murder on September 28, and between September 28 and October 8, Li Wo, 32, pleaded not guilty before the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor, at the Sessions this morning.

It is alleged that he solicited four persons, in all, to murder Mak Chi-chuen, a salesman, to whose wife he was paying attention.

Mr. J. B. Prentis, Assistant Crown Counsel, conducted the case for the Crown. Accused was not legally represented.

The jury was composed of Messrs. N. A. Tenoff, (foreman), Teng Ting, C. A. Lopez, Yu Tse-ling, Wong Kiu-kwong, Wong Kai-chi and Sing Shing-kwong.

Mr. Prentis said that the Crown case was that accused on September 28 tried to get two men to commit the murder, and that between September 28 and October 8, he tried to get two others to commit the murder.

Mak Chi-chuen, a salesman, living at No. 62, Tung Choi Street, had been married to Chan Loi for 10 years and had four children. His work made it necessary for him to be away from home from 8 a.m. to 11 p.m. daily.

## HOME EARLY

On July 20, the husband returned home unexpectedly and found his wife and accused sitting on a stool on the verandah close together chatting. When accused left the flat without a word, Mak asked his wife who the man was and was told that he was her cousin. He pointed out that they had been married over 10 years and he had never before heard of a cousin. A quarrel arose and there was subsequent quarrelling. The wife went out more often at night, and one night stayed away altogether.

On October 8, Mak went to a tea house in Mongkok in the early morning and found his wife and accused in a cubicle drinking tea. Mak scolded his wife and she left. He told accused that she was his *kit fat* wife and warned him to keep away. Accused asked what proof Mak had that she was his wife. He attempted

to strike the husband. The husband dodged the blow and blew a police whistle. Accused ran out of the tea shop.

## VISIT TO POLICE

On October 8, two men visited the Police and the following facts came to light.

On September 27, a man named Ma So was asked by accused to get two persons as he wanted to "strike" some-one. Arrangements were made for two men to meet accused, who said he wanted to get a man out of the way. At this one said that that was not his line. He would not mind helping accused to beat some-one, or fight.

Accused said he would pay them, but they replied: Not even for \$10,000.

Accused went next day to another place and there met Ng Kwong, to whom he detailed a proposition. Accused and Ng Kwong met in a tea house that evening and there discussed the matter. Other meetings followed and it was agreed that Ng Kwong was to be paid \$70, ten next morning, and the rest later.

Ng Kwong later told accused that he needed an assistant to carry out the murder and suggested a fellow lodger, Ng Hoi. Ng Hoi was also paid \$10.

## WATCH KEPT

Several watches were kept for the husband, when he left work, but the men were unable to do anything, either because he was accompanied by a friend or got into a bus too soon.

On October 8, the men told accused they had no weapons and he purchased two files.

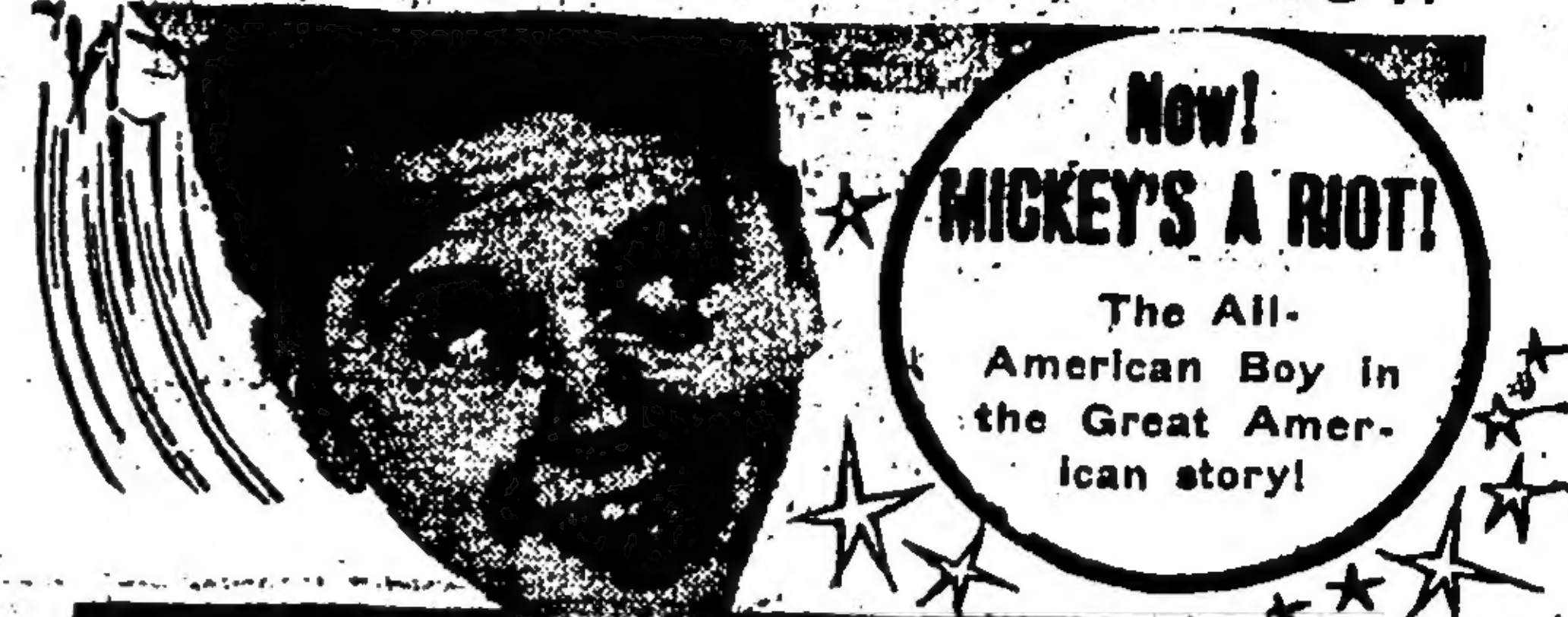
In the meantime, the men realised that the business was serious and reported to the Police. On instructions they kept their appointment. Accused was annoyed by their late arrival and then said he had left the files at home. He went back for them and, on his return, was arrested with them in his girdle.

The case is proceeding.

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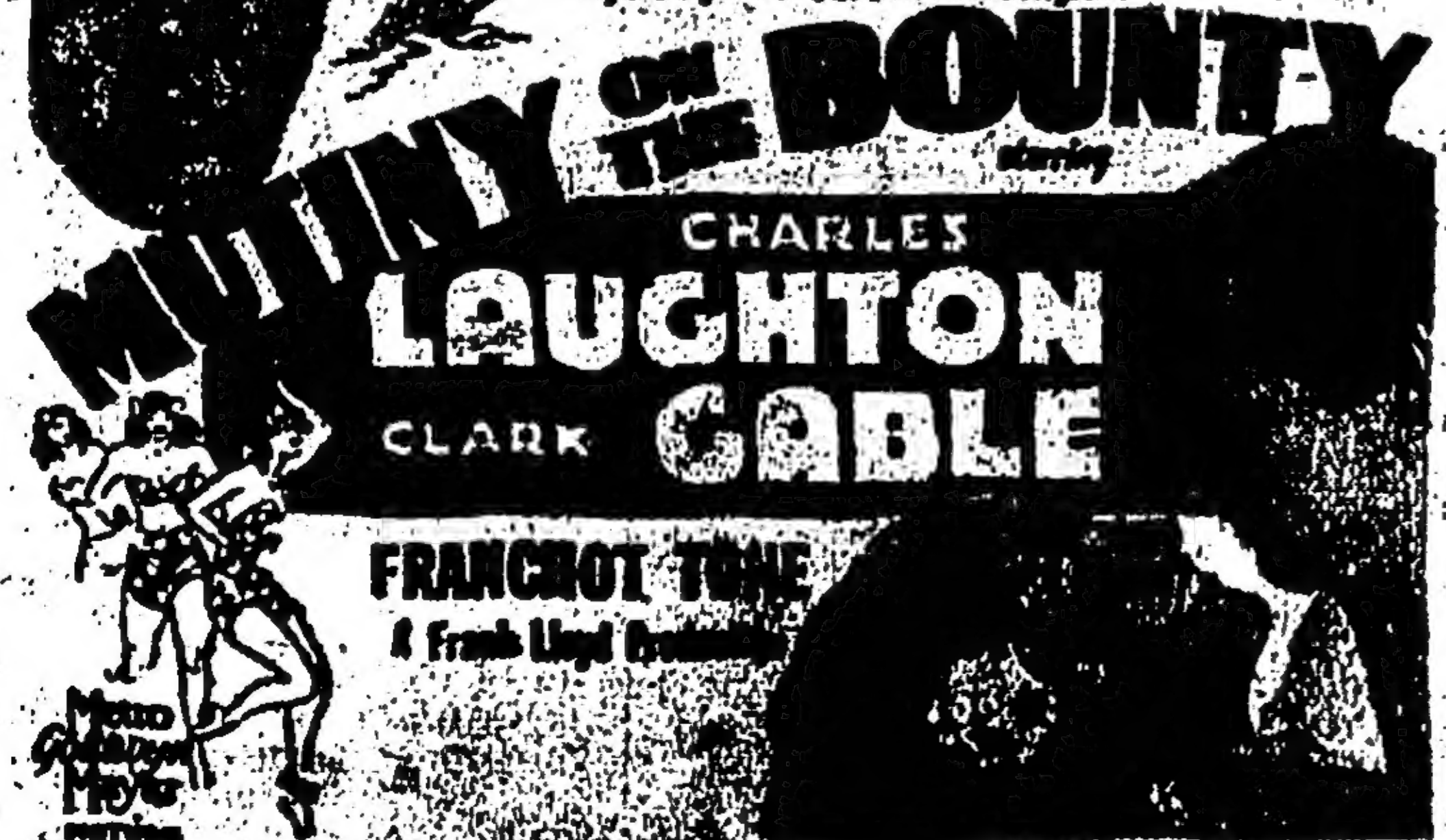
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# JAPANESE CROSS THE KWANGSI BORDER: HEAVY AIR BOMBING OF NANNING

**Kwong Chow Wan, To-day.**  
IT IS OFFICIALLY confirmed that Japanese troops crossed the border into Kwangsi yesterday morning, this being the first time foreign troops have set foot on Kwangsi soil.

Two raids by some 20 Japanese planes were made yesterday afternoon on Nanning. High explosive and incendiary bombs were dropped at random and many buildings were demolished.

Fires were still blazing furiously away late last night according to the latest reports received here.

The Japanese have advanced from Taitse (The Big Temple) but are encountering organised resistance from Kwangsi troops.

A large number of Chinese troops are reported manning the defence lines outside Nanning and troops are pouring into that sector from Kweilin.

## PAI IN KWEILIN

General Pai Chung-tsi is now in Kweilin after a brief visit to Nanning yesterday morning. He is in charge of the defence operations.

All roads between Nanning and Kweilin are being demolished by farmers acting under instructions of the military authorities. — Our Own Correspondent.

**Kwong Chow Wan, To-day.**

The Japanese were reported last night to be about 25 miles from Nanning. Cavalry units are reported advancing rapidly with the support of aircraft. — Our Own Correspondent.

## CHINESE HOLD OUT

**Kweilin, To-day.**  
Week-end reports received at military headquarters declare that the situation on the Yamchow-Fongshing sector has been stabilised.

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## GERMAN AIR CRASH IN ITALY

**London, To-day.**  
A German military machine crashed yesterday in Northern Italy.

No explanation of its presence in the area is forthcoming. Two of the four members of the crew were arrested by the Italian authorities, but the other two escaped and are the object of a watch on the border.—Reuter.

In addition to stubborn Chinese resistance, fog and drizzling rain deterred the Japanese northward advance. The total Japanese landing forces at Yamchow, Fongshing, and nearby points are now estimated at 4,500.

Severe fighting is raging at several villages immediately north of Yamchow and Fongshing, including Tatsehu, Wongwutun, Pinggantu and Yentseping, where the defenders are holding out.

To the west of Yamchow, Japanese forces lost heavily. The Chinese coastal positions at Laitoutsui were pulverised by severe Japanese naval bombardments. — Central News.

## JAPANESE BOMB NANNING

**Kweilin, To-day.**  
Nanning, former capital of Kwangsi, was twice bombed by Japanese planes yesterday afternoon. Many explosives and incendiaries were dumped on the city, causing unascertained damage. — Central News.

## CLUMSY GERMAN PROPAGANDA

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

**PARIS TO-DAY.**  
NEW PROOF OF THE CLUMSINESS, AND UTER DISRESPECT FOR TRUTH, OF GERMAN PROPAGANDA IS GATHERED FROM GERMAN REPORTS ON THE JAPANESE OPERATIONS IN SOUTH CHINA.

German propaganda asserted yesterday that the Japanese, after occupying Fangcheng, crossed the border of French Indo-China and penetrated 50 miles inside French territory.

Despite the obvious absurdity of the news it is pointed out that reports from French Indo-China show that the territory is not threatened and that operations are not taking place on the Indo-China border. — Havas.

## FRENCH CAPTURES OF NAZI SHIPS

**Paris, To-day.**  
"During the last four weeks of war the tonnage of German merchantmen captured on the high seas by our patrols exceeded by several thousand tons the tonnage of French merchantmen lost through enemy action."—Reuter.

## BREAKDOWN IN GERMAN TRADE TALK

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

**Bucharest, To-day.**  
German-Rumanian trade talks are believed to have reached a deadlock. Some observers fear that Germany will take very serious measures to compel Rumania to enter the Reich's economic system.

Government quarters, however, are confident that Germany has closed herself to every possibility of direct pressure against Bucharest.

Germany could control Rumanian oil and wheat resources only through threatening the occupation of the country but such a threat could be carried out only after the occupation of Hungary or with the co-operation of the Soviet.

Both eventualities appear highly improbable. — Havas.

## NO INCREASE IN FREIGHT RATES

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

**Washington, To-day.**  
The Pan-American Economic and Financial Conference decided that despite the war situation in Europe not to raise the freight transportation rates between American ports.—Havas.

## CIVILISATION IN DEBT OF FRANCE, SAYS MR. EDEN

**London, To-day.**

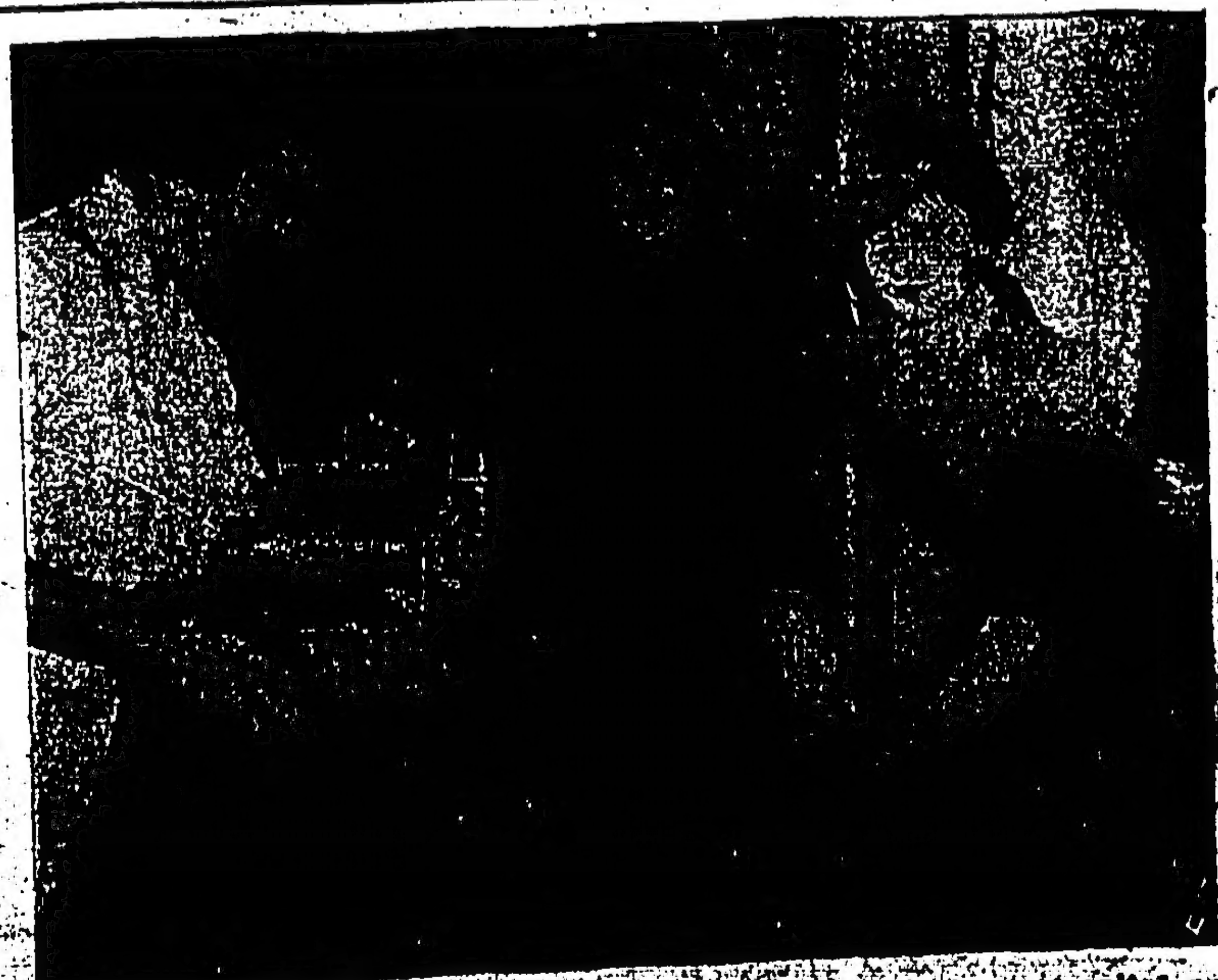
**MR. ANTHONY EDEN, the Dominions Secretary, broadcasting in French last night, referred to his recent visit to the front:**

Mr. Eden said: "The dominant note wherever I went was the quiet determination of males and females, young and old, civilians and soldiers.

"Everywhere was a fixity of purpose and a determination this time to make an end of recurrent wars of aggression.

"No one doubts final victory, and with it a new page of history must be turned."

As regards the Maginot Line, the patience and thoroughness with which France had completed her defences and trained her armies, thus not for the first time in history France had placed all civilisation in her debt. — Reuter.



Her Majesty the Queen during a visit to the Central Hospital and Supply Service for the British Red Cross in London. (Copyright. By Air Mail).

## ITALY'S DENIAL

**Rome, To-day.**  
Reports that Italy had informed the German Government that she was interested in preserving the neutrality of Belgium and Holland, are authoritatively denied here.—Reuter.

## LESSONS OF LAST WAR TO GOOD PROFIT

**London, To-day.**

Mr. Hore-Belisha, the War Minister, who has been visiting the B.E.F. in France, said in an interview before leaving the front: "We are winning the war comfortably."

Mr. Hore-Belisha, who spent practically all the hours of daylight on Saturday visiting various sectors of the British line went into the French area.

Before he returns to England, it is reported, he will see M. Daladier, the French Premier, will visit the headquarters of General Gamelin, Commander-in-Chief of all forces.

The War Minister said: "The spirit of troops is noteworthy. I have been impressed with the efficiency of administrative arrangements."

"I think the lessons of the last war have been put to very good profit. Transport which broke down in the last war has been exceptionally well run. The general smoothness with which everything is running is most satisfactory. The activity on our section of front has also impressed me." — British Wireless.



## "HITLER'S WORST ENEMY" PREDICTS SPRING REVOLT

Paris, To-day.

"GERMANY WILL SOON BE ready for an anti-Hitler revolution," declared Otto Strasser, known as "Hitler's worst enemy," in an interview with the "Paris Soir."

Strasser said he was given four hours to leave Switzerland after the Munich explosion because the Germans were demanding his extradition, describing him as the instigator of the crime.

Strasser, who has been the leader of the anti-Nazi Black Front since the Nazis murdered his brother, declared he thought at first that his friends had organised the Munich attempt, but he now considered it could only have been caused by the Gestapo.

SPRING OF 1940

Before a revolution in Germany three conditions were necessary, namely;

Germans who still believe in Hitler must feel the horrors a war;

The Reich must suffer a military check;

Privations must become more biting.

"I consider that these conditions will be fulfilled by the Spring of 1940."—Reuter.

## AUTARKY IN ITALY

Rome, To-day.

Signor Gayda, writing in "Voce d'Italia," said the progress of Italy's economic self-sufficiency was such that it was possible for her to keep out of war.

Italy still has under arms four classes called up last August, and now has approximately 1,500,000 men ready.—Reuter.

## R.A.F. PILOT RETURNS TO ICELANDS

London, To-day.

A British airman, accompanied by his wife, has voluntarily returned to Iceland to be interned for the duration of the war.

It will be recalled, that he brought down his flying boat in Icelandic waters in September and subsequently took off and returned to England under the impression that he had given no pledge to remain.

When he heard of the misunderstanding, he immediately volunteered to return.

He will be interned in a former palace which is now a modern farm.—Reuter.

## FIRST ARREST BY "VIGILANTES"

The first arrest by members of the City Self-Protection Corps in the Central District was made at 3 a.m. to-day, when Tse Tak-yu and Ng Cho arrested a man who is alleged to have been about to burgle No. 135, Hollywood Road.



The King decorating Flying Officer Kenneth Doran with the Distinguished Flying Cross. This officer led an attack against an enemy battleship and in face of heavy gun fire made a successful attack. (Copyright, By Air Mail).

## LATVIA TO MAKE THE BEST OF IT

Kaunas, To-day.

In a broadcast on the 21st anniversary of Latvia's independence, the President of Latvia said that the country is now in a better position and its forces are stronger.

The non-aggression pact with Soviet Russia has reinforced the security of her frontier and the friendly stationing of foreign troops in Latvia had been successfully accomplished.

Speaking of the repatriation of Germans, he said that in spite of the economic difficulties caused by this step, it had benefitted the country in a political sense; relations with Germany were now on a firm footing as regards national questions.—Reuter.

## SILK FRAUD

Messrs. Wassiamull and Assomull and Company, of No. 46, Queen's Road Central were defrauded of a quantity of silk, valued at \$90 on Saturday.

A Chinese purchased silk, payment on delivery. An assistant accompanied the man to Sankung Road, Kowloon City. There he was asked to wait. The Chinese proceeded upstairs and has not been seen since.

## LITHUANIANS ORDERED OUT OF MEMEL

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Kaunas, To-day.

All Lithuanians working in Memel have been ordered by the Germans to leave the town within ten days. It will be recalled that Germany seized Memel in March this year.—Havas.

## OFF THE RECORD

By Ed Reed

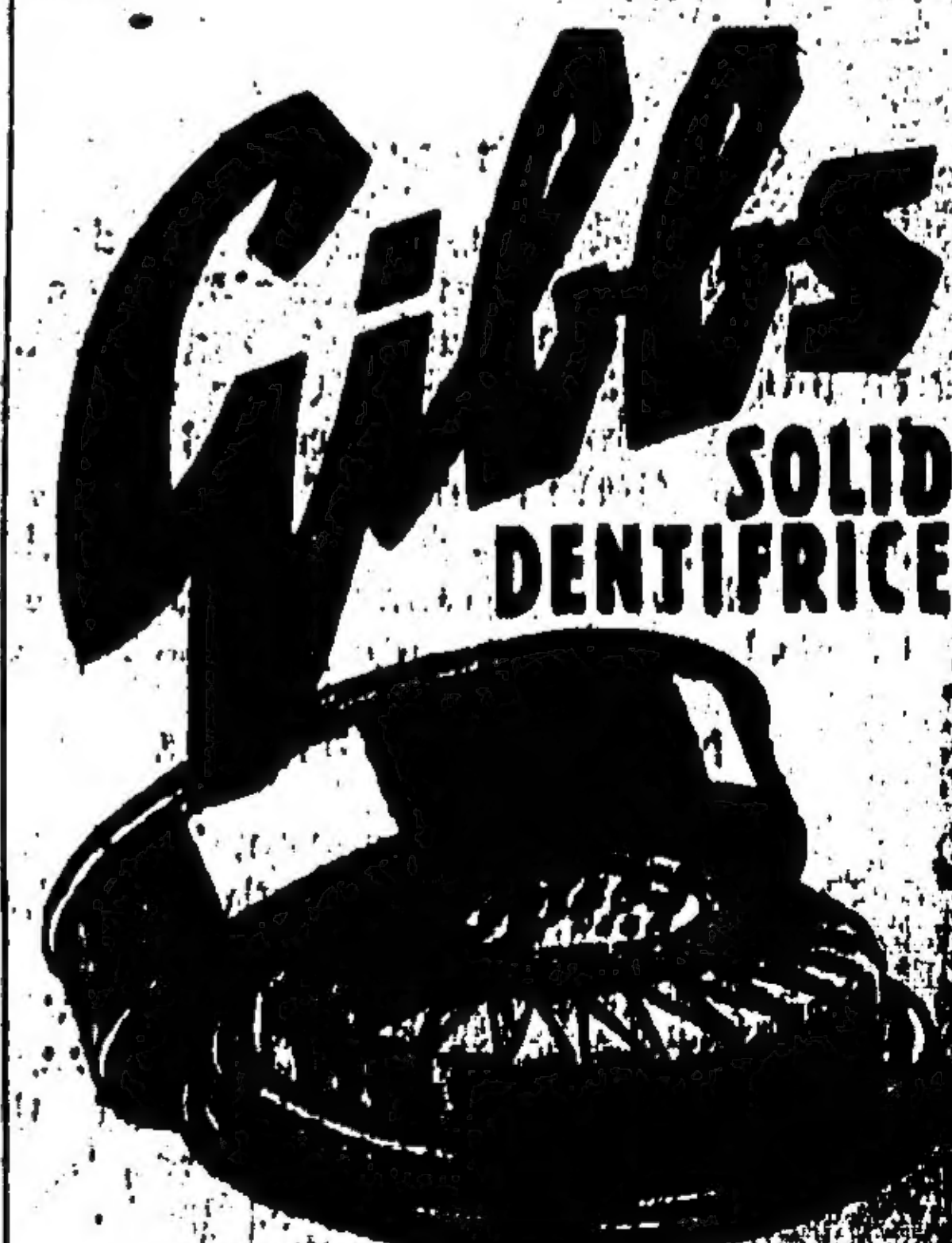


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# NAZI TANKS ON PATROL

## Brutal Repressive Measures Taken In Prague

### HUNDREDS DRAFTED TO BUCHENWALD

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Brussels, To-day.

WHILE THREE MORE Czechs, two of whom were police officials, were executed, Nazi tanks patrolled Prague streets throughout the day, being a reminder of the events in March when the Germans invaded Czecho-Slovakia.

Meanwhile widespread repression is being carried out mainly against Czech intellectuals and many universities have been raided.

At dawn yesterday, motorised detachments of the German State police arrived from the Reich and immediately surrounded Sveilla and Masaryk Colleges and invaded the premises.

Students were brutally dragged out from their beds, thrown into lorries, and carried to concentration camps. Later the Gestapo invaded several other colleges and the medicine and law sections of the Polytechnic Institute arresting all the students and professors. Later all of them were thrown into the concentration camp at Buchenwald, near Weimar.

#### SOKOL ARRESTS

Gestapo squads also arrested several members of patriotic organisations, including Sokols.

Arrests, since yesterday, have reached several thousands. Machine-guns are posted at the entrance to all German buildings. — Havas.

#### 50,000 ARRESTS REPORTED

Paris, To-day.  
There have been 50,000 arrests in Bohemia and Moravia since Friday, according to a despatch from the Austrian frontier.

The despatch reports the arrests of "certain political personalities." — Reuter.

#### THE SOWING OF THE DRAGON'S TEETH

New York, To-day.  
Commenting on Germany's mass arrests of Czechs the "New York Times" says that now the Germans have sown the dragon's teeth they have given the Czechs a sacred cause which they will never forget.

When the time comes, the Czechs will rise and strike, and the young men who have just died will march at the head of their battalions. — Reuter.

#### CZECH ACTION ABROAD

Washington, To-day.  
The Czech Legation in Washington and Czech consulates throughout the United States lowered their flags to halfmast when they received the sad news of the murder of the Czech youths by the Nazis. Such an action for ordinary citizens has not been carried out for many years. — Reuter.

#### NEUTRAL PROTESTS

London, To-day.  
Such extracts from the neutral press, relating to the Nazi action in Czechoslovakia in the last few days, as have so far reached London, indicate that the extreme severity of the measures reported to have been taken to repress expressions of nationalist sentiment and popular discontent, has incurred the disapproval of neutral

### HOW HACHA INCURRED NAZI WRATH

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Amsterdam, To-day.

Events leading to President Hacha's internment in Lany Castle are outlined by the newspaper "Het Volk."

Demonstrations in Prague on October 28—the Czech National Day—provoked very serious disturbances and the Nazis took ruthless measures, even shooting into a crowd.

The Gestapo chief, Herr Himmler, rebuked his subordinates for methods detrimental to German propaganda abroad, and Baron von Neurath, "Protector" of Bohemia and Moravia suggested that he would try to remedy the situation.

#### OFFER REJECTED

Von Neurath called on Dr. Hacha and proposed important reforms to bring an end to the "demonstration of loyalty." Czechia, he said, would be given wider autonomous powers in return for declaring war on France and Great Britain, sending a "symbolical army" to the Front.

When Dr. Hacha refused, the Nazis declared that he was over-worked and placed him under "home arrest."

The paper "Het Volk" declares that Germany realizes the impossibility of maintaining Bohemia's present status and yet does not want, for propaganda reasons, to incorporate the territory into the Reich. — Havas.

#### NO VIOLENT REACTION

London, To-day.

It is reported from Prague that, hitherto, there has been no violent reaction to the Gestapo executions. Repressive measures continue, and arrested continue on a large scale. — Reuter.

observers.

The Netherlands newspaper, "Maasbode," argues that brutal measures never have practical results, while the Danish "Politiken" finds it surprising that a regime which has built itself up on the thesis of the strength of the national bond should underestimate the strength of national feeling in another case. — British Wireless.

### WINNING THE WAR COMFORTABLY

Paris, To-day.  
"The men of the British Expeditionary Force are all cheerful and their health is good. 'I am confident we are winning the war comfortably,' said the War Secretary, Mr. Leslie Hore-Belisha, before he left the British front yesterday. — Reuter.

### NEW DEAL IN AMERICAS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Guatemala, To-day.

The exchange committee of the Inter-American Conference has proposed four resolutions concerning:—  
The standardization of customs procedure;

A means of establishing exchange levels for the various American currencies, in order to facilitate inter-American payments;

The prevention of smuggling;  
And regular contacts between the various treasuries on economic, financial and other data. — Havas.

#### HOLD UP IN CITY

Five men armed with daggers held up pedestrians in Connaught Road Central near the Sincere Company at 7 a.m. to-day. They escaped with \$14.78.

### PRAGUE DISORDERS FOSTERED BY NAZIS!

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Berne, To-day.

Deutsche Nachrichten Bureau, the official German news agency, reports that martial law has been proclaimed in several districts of Bohemia and Moravia, following the recent demonstrations in Prague.

The population applies only to the non-German populations of the cities of Prague, Kladno, Beraun and Horschowitz.

It is disclosed the Prague's demonstration last Thursday was a Nazi-sponsored anti-Czech show staged by Fascist groups founded by Germans and whose total membership is only about 5,000 throughout the Protectorate.

#### POLICE ARRESTED!

When the demonstrators became dangerous, the Czech police tried to disperse them, whereupon the Gestapo arrested several policemen.

Dr. Hans Frank, German state minister and head of the Polish administration, is also believed to be the "true master" of Bohemia and Moravia while von Neurath is a mere figure-head.

The Germans apparently wish to replace the government headed by General Elias by a new government more docile to Berlin. — Havas.

### NO PARADES AND NO FLOWERS—BY REQUEST

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

London, To-day.

MR. ANTHONY EDEN, Secretary of State for the Dominions, who recently visited Paris and the Front with the Dominion representatives, yesterday made a radio speech in French in which he said:—

"To many of us, this visit brought back memories of 20 years ago.

"There is not, perhaps, the air of adventure which prevailed at the beginning of the last war—no parades, no flowers.

### BRITON SET FREE

SHANGHAI, TO-DAY.

AFTER BEING HELD IN CUSTODY FOR MORE THAN FIVE HOURS, MR. EGEBERG, OF THE S.M.P., WAS RELEASED YESTERDAY EVENING, BUT THE TWO CHINESE CONSTABLES ARE STILL DETAINED.

Before his release, Egeberg was prevailed upon to sign a blank piece of paper as his confession.

Accompanied as it was by some firing, emanating from an unascertained source, the Japanese action in detaining the Police officers created considerable tension in the entire vicinity.

The Italian Marines, in whose sector the incident occurred, took over control for some time last night. — Reuter.

"We know by experience what war means, but everywhere is seen the firm resolve to put a definite end to periodically renewed aggression.

"No one doubts our victory.  
"We visited the British sector. The soldiers' health and training were excellent.

"The British sector is being rapidly reinforced.

"We also visited the famous Maginot Line, defended by an army which knows no peer for calm courage, training and efficiency.

#### FRANCE'S CONTRIBUTION

"France has made heavy financial and economic sacrifices to build this Line. To-day, liberty-loving peoples recognize with gratitude the debt they owe to these defences and to the army which is occupying them.

"It is easy to imagine how different the situation would have been had not France persisted in bringing up to perfection her army and fortifications." — Havas.



## THE SIMON BOLIVAR DISASTER

WIFE OF TRINIDAD BANKER  
GIVES GRAPHIC ACCOUNT  
OF SCENES ON DOOMED SHIPFRANCE BACK  
TO NORMAL  
TIME

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")  
Paris, To-day.  
France yesterday abandoned Daylight Saving Time.  
The return to normal time was postponed for six weeks in order to effect extra savings in the present circumstances.  
The difference between Hong Kong and Paris time is now again 8 hours.—Havas.

HOLLAND  
ENTITLED  
TO MAKE  
VIGOROUS  
PROTEST

London, To-day.

"The sinking of the Simon Bolivar is clearly a breach of international law," said Mr. Ivor Jennings in the course of a broadcast on the legal aspects yesterday.

The Dutch Government, he said, would be entitled to make the very strongest of protests to Berlin.

The laying of mines is covered by the 8th Hague Convention, which was signed by Britain, France, Germany and other powers in 1907. This convention makes a distinction between anchored and unanchored mines.

Unanchored mines must be so made as to render themselves harmless one hour after being laid. Anchored mines must not be laid unless they are of a type which renders itself harmless on breaking loose.

It is not known what type sank the Simon Bolivar.

If it was an unanchored mine, it was clearly a breach of the treaty. If it was an anchored mine which broke loose, there was again a breach of the treaty.

## THE LAW

If it was an anchored mine, the Hague Convention does not apply. Of course, Germany might argue that the convention does not apply in any case, since it was not signed by Poland.

But here, customary international law applies. Neutral passenger or cargo ships may not be sunk by any means whatever. The British Admiralty informs neutrals of the presence of minefields and only lays those which become harmless on breaking loose.

The indiscriminate laying of mines in open sea is directly contrary to international law, concluded Mr. Jennings, but—in 1914, a German ship, the Konigen Louise was sunk while laying mines in the open sea.—Reuter.

CASTLE PEAK ROAD  
ACCIDENT

Mr. A. Malcolm, of Malcolm and Company, while driving in Castle Peak Road towards Lanchow, on Saturday afternoon, accidentally knocked down an 8-year-old Chinese girl, Yuen Hing. The girl was admitted to the Kowloon Hospital.

London, To-day.  
MRS. SANDIFORD, wife of a Trinidad banker, and a survivor of the Simon Bolivar disaster, paid a high tribute to men of the Navy and other ships which dashed to the rescue.

In an interview in London yesterday Mrs. Sandiford described the scene on board the Simon Bolivar. She said: "I had just gone down to the cabin to get some things for my daughter, Jean."

"I was unable to get the cases open, so I sent Jean for her father. Soon afterwards there was a terrific explosion."

Mrs. Sandiford staggered out through the dark passage which was filled with steam and got to the top deck, where she found her husband injured.

"He told me he was twice thrown up into the air by the explosion."

A swift search revealed their daughter Jean, who was dazed, and the three climbed into the same lifeboat.

"The sun-deck was awash when chief officer Smit left it."

## SCOTTISH NURSE

"In our lifeboat was a Scottish nurse who, in spite of her own back being injured, began in a businesslike manner to attend to the injuries of the others and make them comfortable."

Mrs. Sandiford believed that a number of people forward and below must have been trapped.

"In the passage I saw several crawling out of a cabin. Some of them must have been stewards."

"I don't know how they could have escaped because there was nobody down there to pull them out."

"After we had landed we were in the waiting-room when an air raid warning was given. Everybody was taken down into the shelters, some being carried on stretchers."

## GIRL'S JUMP

"Among the passengers who jumped into the sea was a girl returning home after finishing her schooling on the Continent. She got into a lifeboat, but told me that as nobody lowered the boat she decided to jump for it."

One of the problems of the nurses and doctors was the vast quantities of tenuous oil with which the survivors were covered. The hospital authorities had to make an emergency application for the issue of petrol for cleaning them.—Reuter.

NAZI-DUTCH  
AIR CLASH

Amsterdam, To-day.

A clash between a Dutch fighter and a German machine violating Dutch neutrality occurred yesterday, in exactly the same circumstances as the incident reported on Saturday.

The Dutch plane was sent up when the Nazi machine appeared. There was an exchange of machine-gun fire before the German plane succeeded in getting away.

The Netherlands Government has lodged a further protest.

Belgium is protesting about a clash on a bigger scale over Belgium in which several Belgian pursuits and Nazi reconnaissance planes returning from France were concerned.—Reuter.

## ABANDONED JUNK

The naval authorities report an apparently abandoned junk, dangerous to navigation, in Lat. 21.35 N. Long. 113.32 E.

COMMUNAL  
RIOTS

Bombay, To-day.

Six Hindus and five Moslems were killed in a serious communal riot in the Bombay Presidency yesterday. The disturbance began when Hindu shops were set on fire by Moslems.

Curfew has been imposed in the district.—Reuter.

INDIGNATION AND  
SYMPATHY

London, To-day.

THE SINKING OF THE Royal Dutch Mail liner, Simon Bolivar, has evoked feelings of indignation and sympathy.

The disaster adds more lives and another fine ship to the long list of casualties inflicted upon neutrals by German ruthlessness and disregard for international law.

Among the more recent of these have been the sinking of the Danish liner, Canada, by an unnotified German mine and the torpedoing, without warning or attempt to place the crew in safety, of the Norwegian tanker, Arne Kjode.

International law demands that if a belligerent lays mines he must take every possible precaution to ensure the safety of commercial navigation and must, for this reason, declare the danger area and warn shipping to keep clear. The Allies have announced every danger area created by them.

## CLOSING OF BALTIC

Germany has announced some danger areas, notably those designed to close the Baltic and force all neutral shipping passing in or out of that sea to use the Kiel Canal, thus submitting to the German Contraband Control and bringing to Germany much-needed foreign currency by the payment of canal dues.

German U-Boats are, however, making a practice of laying clumps of mines in the channels used by merchant shipping traffic on this side of the North Sea.

The establishment of these danger areas is not announced, as their whole objective is to inflict losses before the minefields are discovered and swept.

## NONSENSE

In the case of the Danish ship, Canada, Germany at once averred the ship had struck a British mine.

It is hardly commonsense to imagine that a maritime nation should illegally lay mines in channels extensively used by its own shipping.

ALREADY AN  
ECONOMIC  
WORLD WAR

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Rome, To-day.

Although the war is at present confined to Western Europe it is nevertheless already a world war economically, stated Signor Mussolini.

Thanks to Italy, he said, the war had not spread to the whole continent but had already upset the economic and social activities of all countries.—Havas.

H.K. AIR MAIL  
MISSING

It is understood that the missing Hong Kong air mail, some eight bags, taken by the Japanese from the Dardanus at Weichow, to Canton, and overlooked when the earlier batch was re-transferred to Hong Kong, is being brought this afternoon or tomorrow.

Originally, the Japanese promised to send it down on Saturday, but for some reason a further delay has occurred.

Mr. J. W. Brown, of No. 8, Cornwall Road, has reported the theft of brass window, bolts and hinges from her bathing shed at the 12½-mile beach in the New Territories.

## MINES WASHED UP

Further proof of the illegal laying of mines by Germany in shipping routes on the west side of the North Sea has been secured by the fact that many German mines have been washed up on the East Coast.

The effect of this ruthless German warfare against neutral shipping is shown by the following quotation from a Norwegian newspaper, referring to the torpedoing without warning of the Norwegian tanker, Arne Kjode: "It is proof of open warfare excluding the aggressor from a civilised community. Such matters can only be resolved when the nation that has thus raised its hand against all, finds that every man's hand is against her. One cannot exceed the bounds of humanity even in war." — British Wireless.

BRITAIN TO BUY ALL  
EGYPT'S COTTON

Cairo, To-day.

It is officially announced that the British Government has agreed to buy from Egypt all the cotton which, before the war, was sold to Germany.—Reuter.



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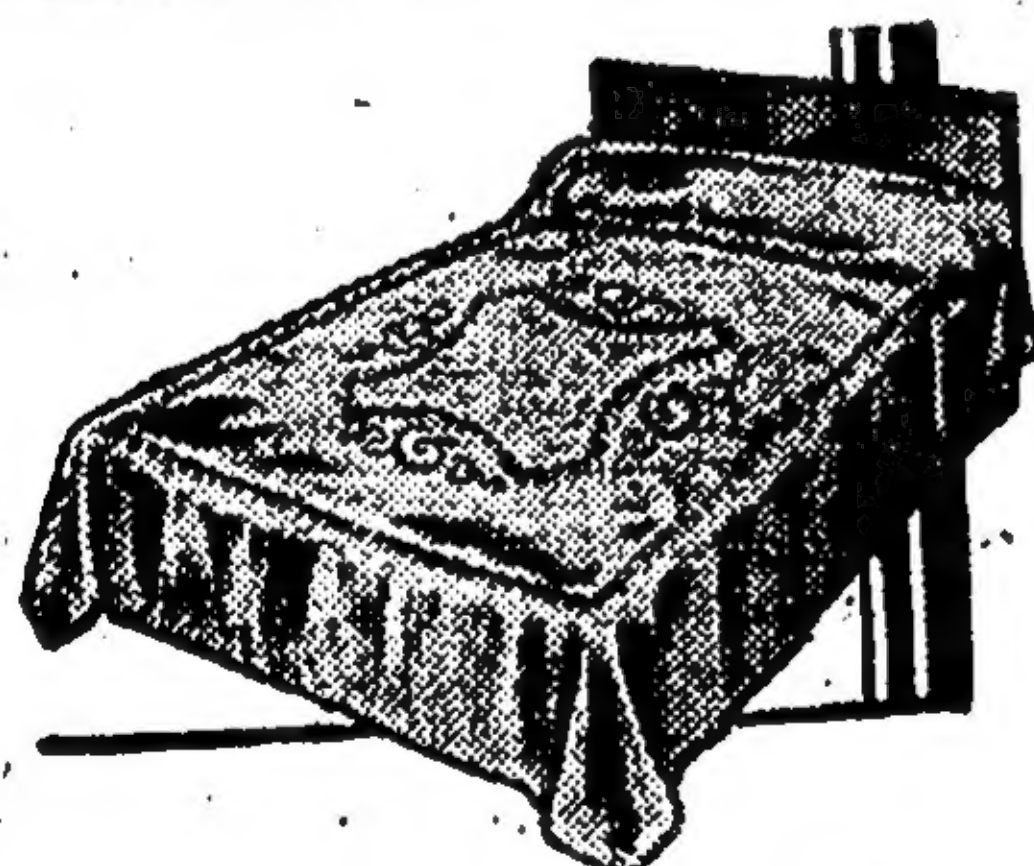
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## MIRROR OF WORLD OPINION

### TWO SCENES

#### SCENE I.

Hotel Kaiserhof, Berlin, 2:30 p.m.  
It is the late lunch hour. Many of the guests are already seated at table, but the whole staff is on tip-toe. Whisperings here and there, a party at mind hurrying with its meal as that one table is asked whether it would particular table is required for a very special person.

Outside the hotel, a few minutes later, a big Mercedes Benz auto draws up. An adjutant in uniform jumps out from the seat beside the chauffeur, gives the Hitler Salute, opens the second door and stands to attention while a man in black uniform steps out. It is the National Socialist Foreign Secretary. He looks round, left and right, up and down, gives his own peculiar form of the Hitler Salute, and walks into the hotel followed by three of his suite also in uniform. All along the route, the same salutes and heel-clicking, which reach their final crescendo as the National Socialist dignitary takes his place at the table specially reserved for him. Three or four waiters, all of whom have duly fluttered their "Heil Hitlers" in the breeze, await orders. The meal continues and so does this, with a heel-click every time the Minister so much as moves an eyelid. The only break is for more and more resounding heel-clicks as a messenger, also in uniform, brings a special letter. Orders are given to an adjutant across the table, he rises, clicks his heels, gives the Hitler Salute and marches off.

The meal is over. The great personage moves. The whole restaurant is agog. Half of them rise and salute him. The Minister disappears in a halo of heel-clicks.

#### SCENE II.

A restaurant near Buckingham Palace. The hour is 1:30 p.m. Everybody is busy eating and conversing. In walks a lady and gentleman. Where will they sit? No table is specially reserved for them, but the Head-Waiter sees one free in a corner and suggests that perhaps it would be suitable. Yes, they agree. The guests settle down and eat their lunch like any other normal human beings. Only a few whispers and furtive glances from the rest of the company suggest they are recognised. It is the British Foreign Secretary and before one can say anything he has taken his bowler hat and umbrella and has left. The ties of blood link Germans and English, said the National Socialists not long ago. But what separates them!—"Christian Science Monitor."

### MENACING THE WEEK

The current crisis for small nations of Europe results from no wrong which they individually or collectively have committed. Their offense is the combination of their geographic locations and their defensive weakness resulting from their small sizes. They simply happen to be in the path of an aggressor and too weak to be able to lay down the law to the aggressor on the score of detouring around them. It possibly may be temporarily convenient to trample on the weak simply because they are in the way and are weak, but it's cowardly. In the long run it will be costly. The strategy of a drive through the Netherlands, Belgium or Switzerland will not decide the present war. Such strategy possibly might net a temporary advantage, but the ultimate result will be the crystallization of world sentiment and a corresponding reinforcing of the behind-the-line reserves in material resources.

The Hitler attitude toward world sentiment still is a puzzle. It is difficult to determine right now whether

he cares one way or the other what the world thinks of and feels about the war he started with the conquest of Poland. But by threatening the small nations he is building blockades against his own armies, and those blockades ultimately will have devastating effects upon his supply lines—if in fact that is not already true.—"Manila Bulletin."

### THE SAME MAN

The man who flew to Berchtesgaden and then to Godesberg and then to Munich, however, is the same man who has now told Herr Hitler that the peace on which the Third Reich has continued to count for victory is not in the British vocabulary. Peace based on the abuse of confidence in the pledged word, peace built on the ashes of Polish cities and on the moral ruins of Czech democracy, peace balanced on the violently shifting policy of opportunism which could lead to a marriage of National Socialism and Bolshevism in Moscow, peace that even now is regarded by the signers of the Russo-German general aggression pact as opportunity to divide Europe between them—that peace, Mr. Chamberlain stated, London sees as surrender.

The approval voiced in the House of Commons and along London's darkened streets is an approval which does not ignore the possible costs of perseverance on the field Herr Hitler himself chose when he marched on Poland. No Briton so sanguine as to expect the Third Reich's reply to be confined to words; many expected the answer to come from the skies over blacked-out London. But No is No. And Berlin's apparently hopeful reference to intervention by the United States shows the Third Reich is beginning to understand.

Millions the world over are hoping, working and praying for peace. Those called upon to make sacrifices for it are waiting to hear, in more specific terms than they have yet heard, what are the war and peace aims of the Allies. They would like to see the blue-print for reconstruction, to consult frankly with the architects of the world's to-morrow.—"Christian Science Monitor."

### STALIN THE "ALLY"

Stalin becomes not the ally in arms of Hitler but a benevolent neutral, whose benevolence has to be stimulated not merely by a heavy retaining fee, but by repeated and substantial refreshers. It is true that the new Russo-German agreement provides that if the Allies do not acquiesce in the subjugation and dismemberment of Poland, and call further hostilities off, the partners in perfidy will consider together what measures they will take. As long as Russian complaisance is necessary to Germany, while German complaisance is no longer necessary to Russia, it may be conjectured that Stalin will not readily be a party to any measures which involve his abandonment of a formal neutrality. That

### THE PUZZLE

The puzzle to which we should try to find the answer is this: How is it that, in a free and democratic State, there can still be such immense differences in income and in opportunities, altogether apart from those which reflect differences in ability and character?—Sir Arthur Salter.

neutral status has already enabled him, without risk or conflict, to possess himself of rich prizes, among which Estonia is added to half of Poland. Nor is it to be overlooked that the Moscow negotiations have failed—with the consent and even connivance of Stalin—to detach Turkey from her undertakings to the Western democracies. On the contrary, Turkey's adherence to them is proclaimed, and a Turkish military mission is on its way to this country. It is an honourable characteristic of the Turk to be faithful to his engagements, and the virtue shines brighter than ever against the background of treachery in which to-day it finds its setting.—"Daily Telegraph."



# THREE MORE SHIPS SUNK

## MINE DISASTERS OFF ENGLISH EAST COAST

London, To-day.

**JUST BEFORE MIDNIGHT** last night, news was received in London that three more ships have been sunk off the East Coast of the British Isles in circumstances similar to the Simon Bolivar outrage.

Two of them were neutrals and one British. The Italian steamer, Gracia, of 5,800 tons, was Italy's first shipping loss of the war.

Another victim was the Swedish freighter, Borgholm, of 1,590 tons, and the British steamer was a craft of 2,500.

Full details of the sinkings is not yet known, and there is no information yet regarding the loss of life.

### BOLIVAR DISASTER

In the meantime, it is revealed that only 100 persons are now thought to have lost their lives in the Simon Bolivar disaster, less than originally feared.

It is, however, revealed that no few than 44 of the missing passengers are British.

Victims in hospital in London were visited by the Netherlands Minister yesterday. — Reuter.

### DEEP IMPRESSION

Paris, To-day.

The sinking of the Simon Bolivar has caused a deep impression in Paris.

"Intransigent" says it gives sinister confirmation of the report that the Germans, despairing of the efficacy of their torpedoes, were going to use submarines as minelayers.

This abominable weapon, says the newspaper, is forbidden under international law, but the Germans could not be expected to neglect this form of murder. — Reuter.

### 100 MISSING

London, To-day.

About 400 passengers, mostly Dutch, but including 75 Britons, were on board the Netherlands liner Simon Bolivar when she was hit by two German mines in the North Sea on Saturday.

It is feared that 100 have lost their lives. Of the survivors, 50 were badly injured and received first aid attention from doctors and nurses on the quay-side before being removed to hospital.

The survivors also included 15 young children and six babes in arms; most of them are being accommodated in St. Bartholomew's Hospital, London.

According to survivors, the explosion of the first mine killed many outright and flung others into the sea. The angle of the ship held up the launching of her port-side lifeboats.

The second explosion shattered a lifeboat as it was nearing the water and killed several people.

The sinking of the Simon Bolivar is the greatest non-naval disaster of the war. — Reuter.

### MAGNETIC MINE

Copenhagen, To-day.

Great anger is expressed in Denmark at the sinking of the Simon Bolivar; it was only a week ago that Denmark lost her biggest merchant ship through a German mine in the North Sea.

This was the Canada, and her cap-

## APPETISER

People living in a country house "somewhere in Kent" regretfully complained to the nearby R.A.F. depot recently. For several days they had been awakened by the regular seven a.m. arrival of an R.A.F. machine which circled repeatedly over the house and dived with a hideous roar low over the gabled roof. Finally they telephoned to the C.O. of the depot.

That afternoon two chastened and apologetic young pilots arrived to promise that the thing would never occur again. Over tea their host asked, "But was there any reason for choosing our house every morning?"

"Oh," said one of them, "you see, your house and lake are Berchtesgaden, and we like to bomb it every morning before breakfast."

tain believes his ship struck a magnetic mine. The vessel sank in shallow water in the direct line of steamship traffic; she has already caused the loss of four other merchant ships which collided with the wreckage. — Reuter.

### LAND SPIED OUT BY PLANES?

Amsterdam, To-day.

The London correspondent of the "Amsterdam Telegraaf" says that a survivor told him that two German aeroplanes flew over the Simon Bolivar at 9 a.m. on Saturday morning. — Reuter.

## BELGIANS DRIVE OFF NAZI PLANES

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Paris, To-day.

While the British and French air forces concentrate on photographing enemy positions, the Nazis appear to be desiring to train their young pilots and are flying over towns far from the front line.

Several German machines bound for France were driven back by Belgian pursuit planes when they violated Belgian neutrality. — Havas.

### NEW BRITISH MINISTER APPOINTED

London, To-day.

The King has approved the appointment of Mr. F. H. W. Stonehewer-Bird, British Consul-General at Addis Ababa, to be British Minister at Jeddah, succeeding Sir Reader Bullard. — British Wireless.

## POLICE RAID "MASSAGE" PLACE

AS A SEQUEL TO A RAID ON A "MASSAGE" ESTABLISHMENT IN WANCHAI, TSO SIU-YU (21), THE KEEPER, WAS FINED \$150 BY MR. EDWARDS THIS MORNING, FOR MAINTAINING A MASSAGE ESTABLISHMENT WITHOUT A LICENCE.

Sub-Inspector Orem said that the raid was carried out on Saturday night. Some of the cubicles were locked. Inside them were men partly undressed, with girls in attendance.

Mr. Shaftain, A.S.P., asked that a serious view be taken. A detective was sent to the establishment, in Lockhart Road, before the warrant was taken out and his information established that the place was run either as a brothel or a depot for the supply of prostitutes. Defendant had made no attempt to secure a licence.

On defendant declaring his inability to play the fine, the Police applied for a distress warrant, enabling them to seize the furniture.

## GERMANS IN TURKEY RECALLED

Ankara, To-day.

The German military and naval mission has left Turkey for home. It is reported that the order for their return was made personally by Hitler himself.

Many Germans, both officials and private individuals, have already left Turkey. — Reuter.

Two little Glasgow evacuees, Betty Murphy, and Isa Kelly, are the proudest little girls in Scotland. They are wearing coats that belonged to Princess Elizabeth and Princess Margaret. These little girls had been evacuated to Craithie, near Balmoral Castle, and the coats were among presents sent by Princesses to village. (By Air Mail. Copyright).

## AIR RAID WARNINGS

London, To-day.

The air raid warning sounded over the north-east coast of Scotland yesterday morning.

German planes were visible flying very high.

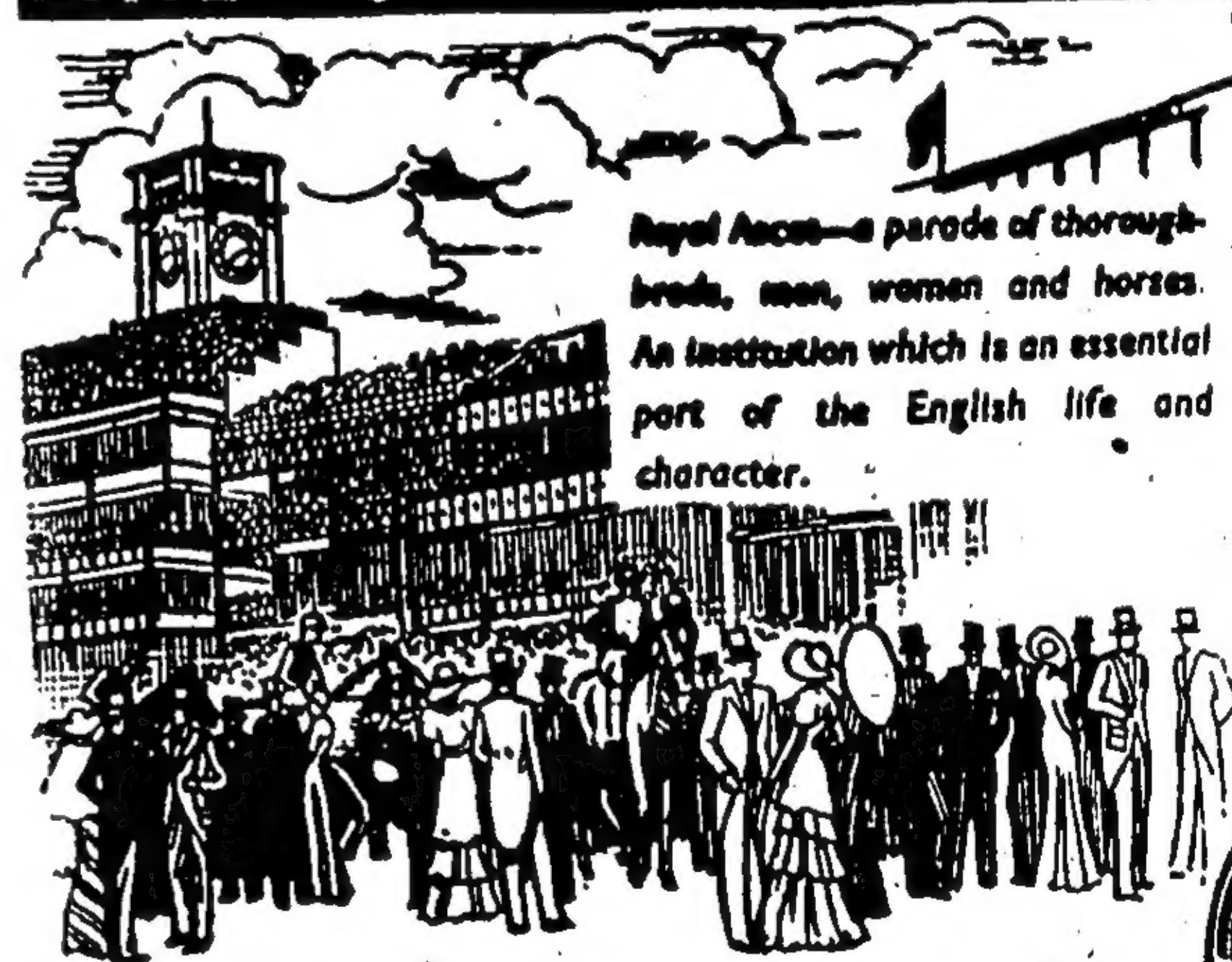
No bombs were dropped and the all clear was sounded 20 minutes later. — Reuter.

## QUIET DAY ON THE WESTERN FRONT

Paris, To-day.

Last night's French war communiqué stated there was a quiet day with local artillery action. — Reuter.

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## WHERE WILL HITLER DELIVER HIS BLOW IN THE WEST?

Few soldiers would care to have to solve the strategic problem which Hitler has set his General Staff as a consequence of his having counted too confidently on the acceptance by the Allies of the fait accompli in Poland.

The problem, of course, as is the case generally in strategy, is not purely military; economic and political factors are essential elements in it and must be weighed. The internal economic condition of Germany and the morale of the German people in particular require special consideration—the more so if we accept the view authoritatively held that in these respects the condition of Germany at present is on a par with what it had been reduced to by 1917 in the last war.

### INDECISIVE AIR ATTACK

What is the essential feature of the military problem? It is obviously that the opposing armies confront each other in elaborately fortified positions in an arena which, considering their size, is extraordinarily restricted in length, and is further restricted, not only by the Rhine, which may be considered an almost impassable obstacle, but by mountainous country and by minor river lines.

Politically it may be said that the Allies are committed to offensive action, and therefore, from a purely military standpoint, the simplest solution would be for the German Army, in a strong position, to stand on the defensive. That would be the obvious course if Hitler were confident that the country's economic condition and morale could, over a long period, withstand the pressure of blockade.

As economists, however, maintain that the assistance that can be given her by Russia or neighbouring neutrals would be insufficient for her needs, a military commentator is justified in examining the courses open to Germany if she is compelled for economic internal reasons to take the offensive.

One course open to her while her army stands on the defensive is to confine offensive action to air attacks on opponents' territory, trusting to breaking down the will of their civil population.

Some years ago Goering and other extreme believers in air power might have advocated this course—and they still may. Obviously, however, the chances of achieving decision by air action alone has been reduced greatly by the Allies' defensive measures. Moreover, experience in Spain, China and recently in Poland has shaken too confident belief in the power of air action to crush the morale of a civil population. There are certainly no indications that air action alone would have broken the will of the Polish nation.

Apart from that Hitler must clearly be unwilling to expose his own people to air reprisals, both because of their economic and their moral effect.

### WAY OF EXHAUSTION

A second alternative might be a violent ground and air offensive on the present front of contact of the

opposing armies. The Allied armies are, however, mobilised and strongly posted, with masses of reserves made available by the restricted width of the front.

Such an attempt might produce an epic struggle, with immense sacrifice of life on both sides, but it could hardly hold out prospects of decisive success, and failure to achieve a decision would only accelerate the exhaustion of German material resources which might prove irreplaceable.

Only overwhelming confidence in the quantity and quality of German troops and armaments could justify such a desperate course. Such confidence the Germans may possess, but it is opposed by equal confidence on the side of the Allies and by almost unlimited material resources which Germany does not command. The experiences of the last war can afford Germany little hope that attack under such conditions would succeed.

Furthermore, a lesson of the last war is that an offensive which is brought to a stand-still incurs the danger of counter-attack. A partial success which leaves an army in an exposed and hastily-consolidated position is in fact a source of danger. Gamelin's cautious advance before the Siegfried Line shows that he fully realises this.

Where else can the German General Staff look for an opening? If they could find one by violating neutral territory they will not, we may be sure, be deterred by scruples, and they may think that in the Siegfried Line they hold a solid pivot of manoeuvre.

On the one flank there is Switzerland, but apart from the resistance the Swiss are capable of offering the nature of the country would restrict the scope of German operations. Moreover, the French have formidable defences, both natural and artificial, on which to meet any such thrust, and it would also be vulnerable to interference by air counter-attacks.

Unless Italy became an active partner the chances of Germany using Switzerland as a passage-way for a major invasion of France seem small, though subsidiary operations by that line are a possibility.

On the other flank the frontiers to Luxembourg, Belgium and Holland are exposed to invasion.

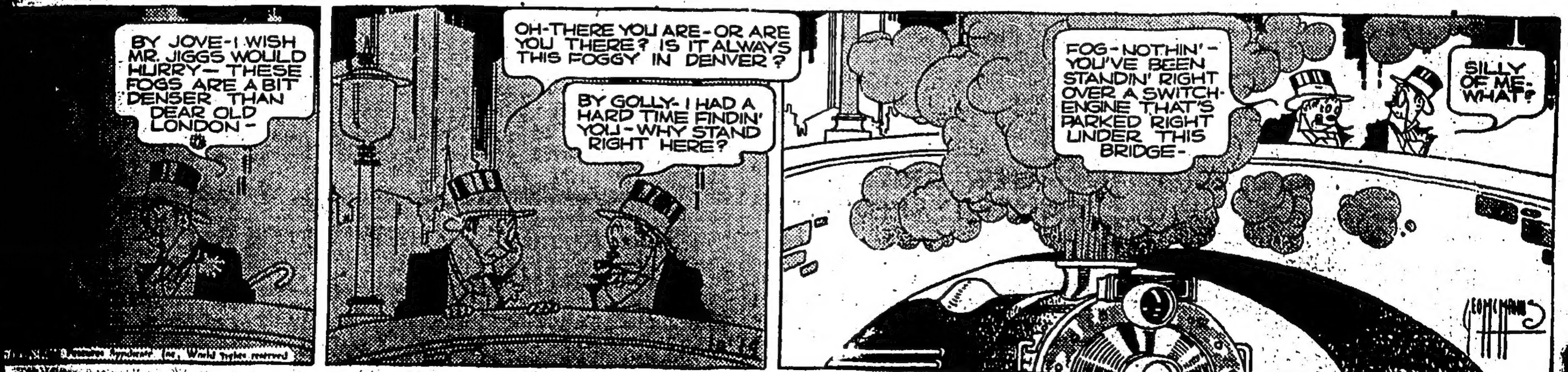
There can be little doubt that Luxembourg and the Ardennes district of Belgium might be overrun, although the nature of the country lends itself to delaying action, for which, in the case of Belgium, at any rate an effective organisation exists.

Further advance, by a wheel to the south, would bring the invaders up against the extension of the Maginot Line, constructed, though in less elaborate form, along France's northern frontier. An advance to the west, similarly, would encounter the formidable obstacle of the Meuse, more strongly fortified than in 1914 and held by a better-trained Belgian army.

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Bringing Up Father

By George McManus







The Right Rev. Geoffrey Francis Fisher, D.D. sometime headmaster of Repton, and until recently Bishop of Chester, was enthroned on November 3 at St. Paul's Cathedral, as Lord Bishop of London. Photo shows the Bishop in procession when leaving the Cathedral to re-enter the main door during the ceremony. (Copyright. By Air Mail).

## WHERE WILL HITLER DELIVER HIS BLOW IN THE WEST?

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An invasion of Luxembourg and of Belgium through the Ardennes was expected by the French in 1914, and it was to be met by an outflanking French counter-offensive; for it was erroneously believed that the Germans did not possess sufficient numbers to carry out the wider enveloping movement which von Schlieffen had planned. It was not known that troops had been found for the purpose by bringing reserve divisions to the condition of first line troops. The French counter-plan failed, therefore.

To-day the question is whether Germany has sufficient numbers of troops fit to place in the first line to cover the front of the Great Sweep of 1914. Even if she has not, can one reject the possibility of a German attempt to repeat the 1914 manoeuvre in some modified form in order to turn the line of the Belgian Meuse defences?

### A SWEEP INTO BELGIUM

There are reasons, I think, why the Germans might again try to effect an enveloping movement which would bring them on to the left bank of the Meuse and into the heart of Belgium, even though they have not sufficient numbers to advance through the Ardennes as well. It may be remembered that in 1914 they protected the inner flank of their sweep from counter-attack by an advance of armies all along the line from Metz to Liege. To-day they have the Siegfried Line, more or less highly developed, from Basle to Aix-la-Chapelle, and that would form a pivot of manoeuvre. From the Moselle to Aix it is covered by difficult country which would protect it from immediate attack by the Allied armies. It could therefore be lightly held and troops saved there could be used to strengthen the offensive power of the extreme right.

If the Belgian defences were in the same condition as in 1914 the line of the Meuse might again be crossed at Liege and north of it. But the Belgian fortifications on the Meuse have been greatly strengthened and the Belgian army is in an advanced stage of mobilisation behind them.

Holland has taken precautions but not to the same degree as Belgium, and a crossing of the Meuse below the Dutch-Belgian frontier—which would turn the Belgian defence—must be looked on as a feasible operation.

We know that in 1914 the Germans considered the advisability of violating the neutrality of Holland by crossing the Limburg appendix to turn the Liege fortress instead of relying on carrying it by a coup de main.

To meet this danger, however, the new Meuse-Scheldt Canal was constructed—with strategic as well as economic purpose. It presents a formidable obstacle, though one hardly ranking with the Meuse itself.

## NAZIS PLAY THE SAME OLD TUNE

London, Yesterday.

There appears to have been no cessation in the circulation by Nazi propagandists of the fabricated charge against Britain of having supplied the poison gas which is alleged to have been used against German soldiers in Poland.

Although a complete refutation of what Mr. Chamberlain has described as "an impudent and transparent falsehood" has been given in official British statements, reports from various parts of the world show that Nazi agencies are still assiduously distributing leaflets which repeat this lie.

The calculation must be done in accordance with Hitler's theory of propaganda—that if a lie is repeated sufficiently often and with sufficient assurance it will not be overtaken by a denial, however strong.

Whatever may be true of Germany itself, that is certainly a miscalculation so far as neutral opinion is concerned.

### STRINGENT CONTROL

The stringency of the control of arms exports by Britain has long been well-known, and the statement that Board of Trade receipts showed that no poison gas had been sent to Poland has therefore made a profound impression.

A statement was issued on October 23 by a Swiss professor, whose original diagnosis of the condition of German soldiers started the story of gas supplied by Britain.

The professor emphasised that he had "found no evidence indicating in what circumstances poisoning had occurred."—British Wireless.

### TO DISPERSE THE ALLIES

An invasion of Holland designed to expose the northern frontier of Belgium cannot be ruled out. It would, of course, still leave a long distance to be traversed before the French frontier was reached, but the Germans would probably count on large portions of the Allied armies being drawn north to Belgium's assistance. They might be met there under conditions of manoeuvre instead of behind strongly-fortified lines.

A subsidiary offensive through Switzerland, or the threat of one, might possibly be developed simultaneously in order to reduce the numbers of Allied divisions which could be sent to Belgium.

It cannot be said that any of the alternatives I have discussed is an attractive proposition and some of them entail economic and political disadvantages as well. But a desperate man may resort to desperate expedients—and in nothing I have said do I imply that a German army can in any circumstances be easily defeated.

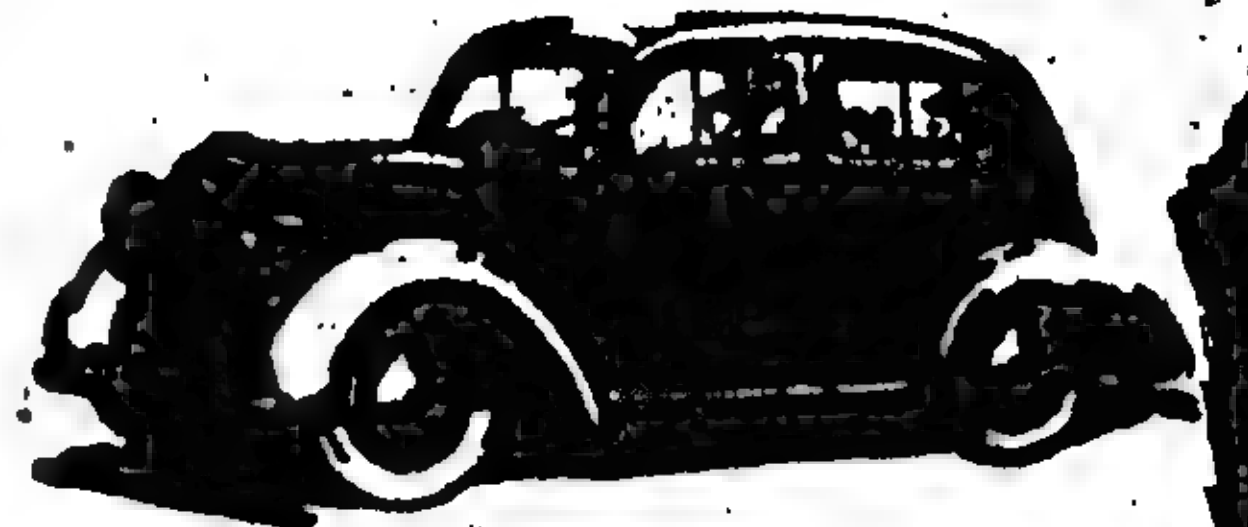
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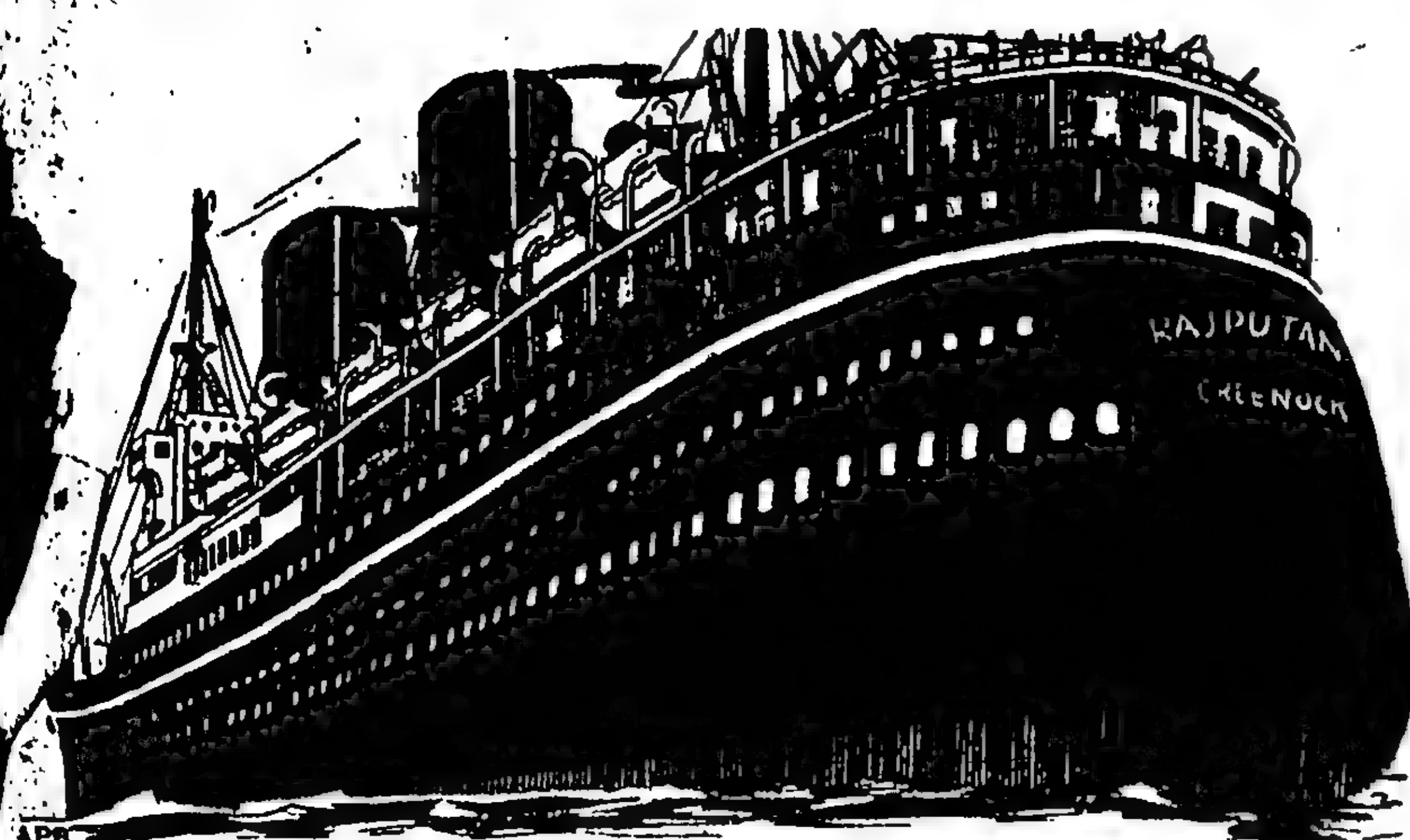
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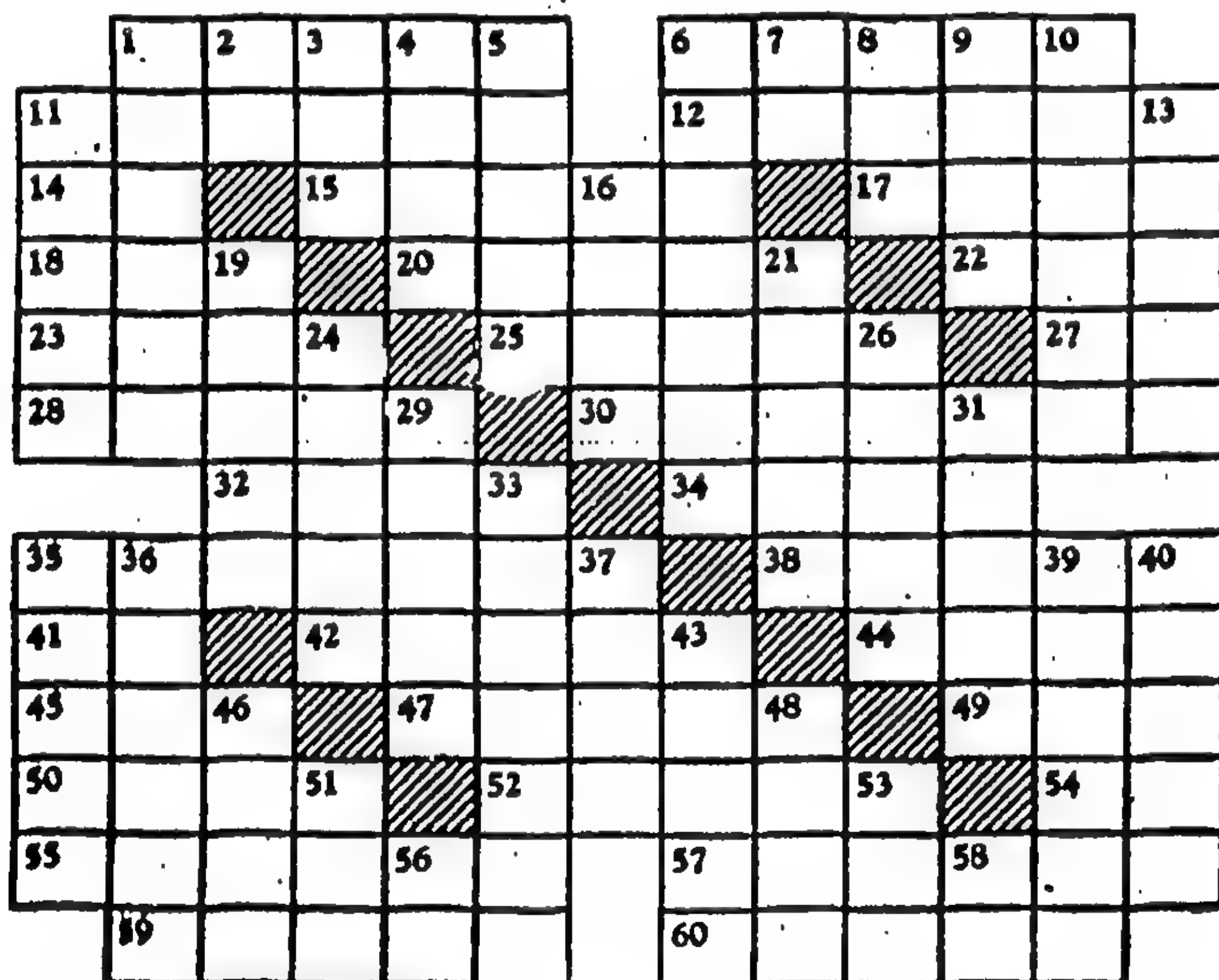
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- 23 Kingdom in Asia
- 25 Appellation
- 27 Preposition
- 28 Attempts
- 30 Rustic
- 32 Poetic profit
- 34 Circular plate
- 35 Fascinated
- 38 Designated
- 41 Father (coll.)
- 42 Begin
- 44 Period of time
- 45 Goal
- 47 Extra

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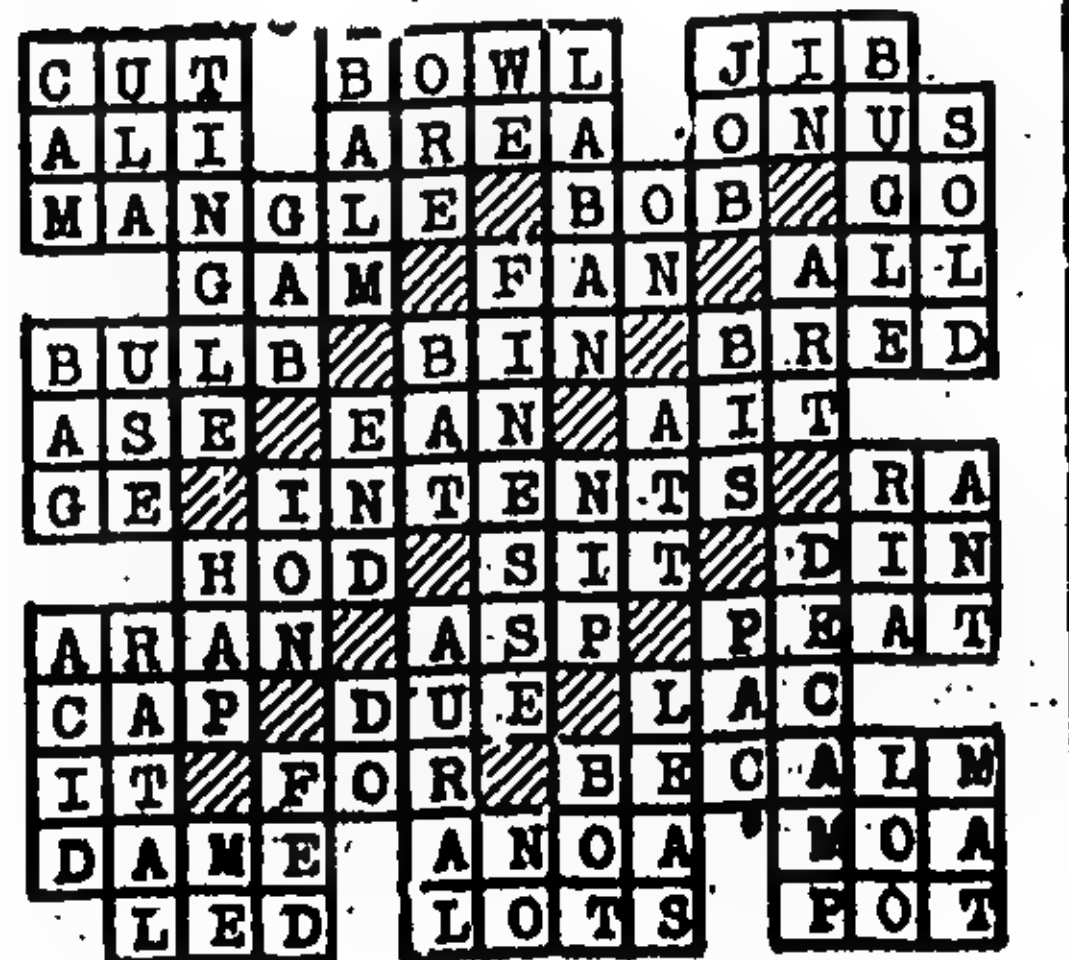
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- 1 Hair of Angora goat
- 2 Conjunction
- 3 Man's name
- 4 Separate
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- 9 A fissure
- 10 Line of descent
- 11 Raise
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- 21 Killed
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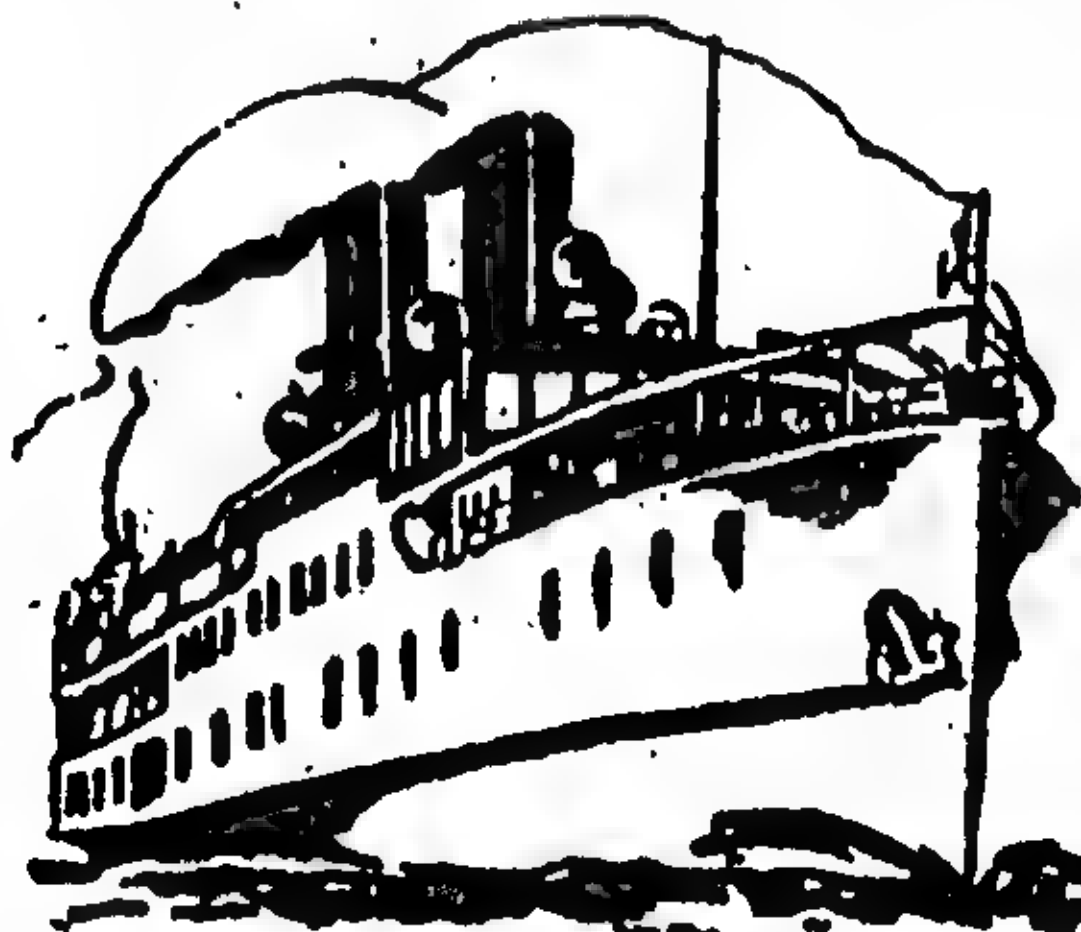
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His wife died of injuries received in a quarrel with her husband, during which she was struck with a shoe.

The medical evidence showed that deceased had an unusually large spleen.

### AMAHs FIGHT AT A POLICE STATION

Two amahs, Wong Yin and Fung Yee, employed at the Kowloon City Police Station, were to-day charged with disorderly conduct.

Inspector Rogers told Mr. E. Hims-worth that, after an argument, they threw water on each other in the Yard at Station. They fought despite warning to desist.

A fine of \$1 was imposed.

Sung Heung-lan, alias Sung Mei-ling, 21, described as an escort girl, was sentenced to four months' hard labour by Mr. T. J. Houston this morning, for theft of \$500 from a dancing girl, So Siu-siu.

Det. Sgt. R. Mcvey said the girls lived in the same cubicle. The money was under the pillow of complainant's bed. Defendant spent it on clothing and jewellery and a gift to her mother.

About \$150 was recovered from another girl, who was keeping it for accused.

### TWO MEN INJURED IN LANDSLIDES

Two Chinese were admitted to the Kowloon Hospital yesterday suffering from injuries caused by landslides.

So Hong-ting was injured by a rock which fell on him while he was digging in a hillside in Argyle Street, and Lam Man had his leg fractured by a falling rock near the Kowloon Hospital.

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## CHARITY FRAUD CASE

Two Chinese youths were before Mr. R. A. D. Forrest this morning, charged with obtaining money by false pretences.

Accused, Lei Chi-ming, (22) and Chung Yuk-chuen, (20), were alleged to have collected from residents in Shing Wo Road, pretending that they were authorised to collect subscriptions for the China Youth Association.

Defendants denied the charges, saying they were trying to sell soap and pens.

The case was adjourned. Acting Sub-Inspector Clarke is in charge.

## BROKEN NECK

Pleading guilty to manslaughter of a friend, by breaking his neck during a quarrel in a baker's Shop on September 22, Yu Wai-tim, was sentenced to three months' hard labour by Mr. Justice R. E. Lindsell at the Sessions this morning.

The quarrel arose over a mah-jong debt and the borrowing of money. During the quarrel Yau Kam-hoi, the dead man, stopped to pick up his clogs and accused twisted him over and struck his head on the ground. He died next day from a broken neck.

### EUROPEAN LADY ROBBED

Mrs. W. E. Kirby, of Argyle Street, was the victim of a handbag snatcher while crossing Nathan Road on Saturday night. She raised an alarm and attracted the attention of Mr. Luis Chan, who chased and arrested him.

As a result, Wong Ying, 20, was this morning sentenced to three months' hard labour. Mr. Chan was commended by Mr. Q. A. A. Macfadyen.

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The Junior Football Shield games arranged for to-morrow have been postponed. On Wednesday Signals will meet Service Corps at Sookunpoo, at 4.15 p.m., and the game between 8th R.A. and Royal Scots will be played on the same ground at 2.45 p.m. the following Wednesday.

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**TO-DAY'S STRANGE STORY OF REAL PEOPLE****NO. 89—DID WILKES BOOTH ESCAPE?**

BY VINCENT TOWNE

"The body buried in Greenmount was not that of Booth," declared Basil Moxley, a pallbearer at the alleged funeral of Lincoln's assassin in Baltimore.

"I do not believe that Booth was ever killed in that barn," added Moxley who for nearly a half century had been doorkeeper in Baltimore at the Holiday Street Theatre and at Ford's Opera House. He was a trusted friend of the Booth family and cyclopedia of information concerning the stage folk of his time.

Many men have shared Moxley's doubt as to the most commonly accepted version of the capture, shooting and burial of Lincoln's assassin. According to that version the demented actor, after shooting the President, and after breaking his leg while making his escape, took refuge in Garrett's tobacco barn, near Bowling Green, Virginia. The barn was surrounded by 28 veterans of the 16th New York Cavalry, who, fearing to go in and capture one defiant man, set the building on fire and then shot Booth as he appeared to take aim at his pursuers.

The commonly accepted story of what next happened relates that Booth's body was sewed up in a saddle blanket and carried aboard the monitor Montauk, where it was laid in the carpenter's bunk of the turret. After an autopsy in Washington, it was placed in a pine gun box and secretly buried beneath the floor of a cell in the old Washington Penitentiary. After nearly four years had elapsed the great actor, Edwin Booth, persuaded President Andrew Johnson to allow the pine box to be removed to Baltimore for secret burial in Greenmount Cemetery.

Since the black tragedy of '65 there have been advanced more than 50 theories to the effect that Wilkes Booth escaped to enjoy or, at least, experience life for a considerable time after his corpse was believed to have molded in the grave. General Eckert, who was Assistant Secretary of War when Lincoln was assassinated and who later became president of the Western Union Telegraph Company, was once quoted as having confessed to his nurse, on his deathbed, that with three other men he had taken the body of Booth out on Delaware Bay and thrown it into the water. A secret service man assigned to the assassination was quoted as stating that the identification of the corpse supposed to have been Booth's was never satisfactorily made. Such doubts and contradictions reiterated by men closely concerned in the search for the assassin led to the suspicion that greed for the \$75,000 reward offered for Booth by the Government resulted in the shooting of another man.

About a quarter century ago Laura Ida Booth (Mrs. L. A. Howard) an actress who has claimed to be the daughter of Wilkes Booth, announced that her father lived until 1903, when his long-troubled conscience led him to commit suicide at Enid, Oklahoma. A Memphis attorney, Finis L. Bates, who knew the Enid suicide and who believed him to have been Lincoln's assassin, published a book in support of the theory. Some years ago Mr. Bates appealed to the national House of Representatives to definitely de-



THE BARN WAS FIRED BEFORE THE CAPTIVE WAS SHOT.

termine the identity of the embalmed corpse of the suicide, which, for four years, had been kept by an Enid undertaker. In his communication to Congress, Mr. Bates stated:

"I knew Booth as John D. Heley while living in 1872, and was associated with him as my client until the Fall of 1877, when we separated in western Texas, he going to Leadville, Col., and I returning to Memphis. Booth left with me a small tintype for his future identification. This picture was taken some 12 years after the assassination of Lincoln and has been identified by Junius Brutus Booth, eldest nephew of John Wilkes Booth, as being the picture of his uncle. It has also been identified by the famous actor, the late Joseph Jefferson, and many others."

About forty years ago one Christopher C. Ritter, while lying very low in a hospital in Anderson, Indiana, is alleged to have unburdened his conscience by confessing that after having been initiated into the Knights of the Golden Circle by Booth, he had been pressed to take part in a kidnapping of President Lincoln, but that before the plan was carried out Booth killed the President. Accompanying the assassin to Philadelphia, Ritter claimed that he sailed with him for South America, where Booth became "Enos," the famous actor of Latin America.

According to another story, Booth became an Episcopal clergyman and settled in a Georgia town, where he was visited by his brother, Edwin Booth. He continued to limp until death and failed also to disguise his love for liquor and his imperious temper. Still another story has it that the assassin spent the latter days of his life under the name of David E. George, and that he married a Kentucky widow, their child, a daughter, winning success on the stage.

In New Orleans, Louisville, Denver, Albuquerque, San Francisco, and Montreal the man who shot Lincoln was "located" at various times. Im-

probable as the many theories as to his escape may seem, and after all of them have been sifted out and discarded Wilkes Booth has nevertheless bequeathed to the world a mystery that has never been solved.

Where lie the bones of the man shot in the Garrett barn, whose body was brought to Washington and dissected?

No one knows.

It is generally believed that the mound alleged to mark the assassin's grave in Greenmount Cemetery, Baltimore, covers no human remains and that for fear of vandalism the Booth family hid the corpse.

**COOLIE GANG FIGHT ON PRAYA**

IN A GANG FIGHT BETWEEN SOME 30 COOLIES NEAR THE MACAO WHARF YESTERDAY, WHICH LASTED ALMOST HALF AN HOUR PASSERS-BY WERE HIT BY FLYING PIECES OF WOOD USED IN THE BATTLE.

A four-year-old boy standing on the pavement was injured and was sent to hospital for treatment.

The fight followed an argument between wharf coolies and "private" coolies over the removal of cargo from the vessel "Fook On."

The police arrested seven of the coolies.

**JAPANESE TACKLING GUERILLAS**

Seven hundred Japanese troops moved out of Shumchun yesterday morning, up the Kowloon-Canton Line, according to Chinese reports from the New Territories.

Japanese planes flew ahead of the troops. The Japanese "reoccupied" Tin Tong Wei and were yesterday afternoon reported moving further northwards to Wanglik.

**WOMEN BACK FROM SHEKKI**

Representatives of the five women's war relief associations who proceeded to Shek-ki last Friday on an inspection tour through war stricken areas and on the front, returned this morning to Hong Kong.

The party was headed by Miss Hu Muk-lan, daughter of the late Mr. Hu Hon-min, who represented the Chinese Women's Relief Association.

Among the other were Miss Yung Mei-ying, of the Chinese Women's Club, Mrs. Wong Wah-lam, of the Chinese Y.W.C.A., and Miss Yung Hei-woon, of the Women's Soldiers' Relief Association.

**THREE-DAY SENTENCE**

Lo Tung, a shoe-black who pleaded guilty to manslaughter of another shoe black was this morning sentenced to three days' imprisonment by Mr. Justice R. E. Lindsell at the Criminal Sessions.

Mr. Lindsell said it was clear from the evidence that there was no intention of causing grievous bodily harm. The shoe black died of injuries received during a fight.

Sentence dates from Friday, when the plea was taken.

**LOCAL DOLLAR**

The demand rate on the Hong Kong dollar to-day was 1/2-7/8.

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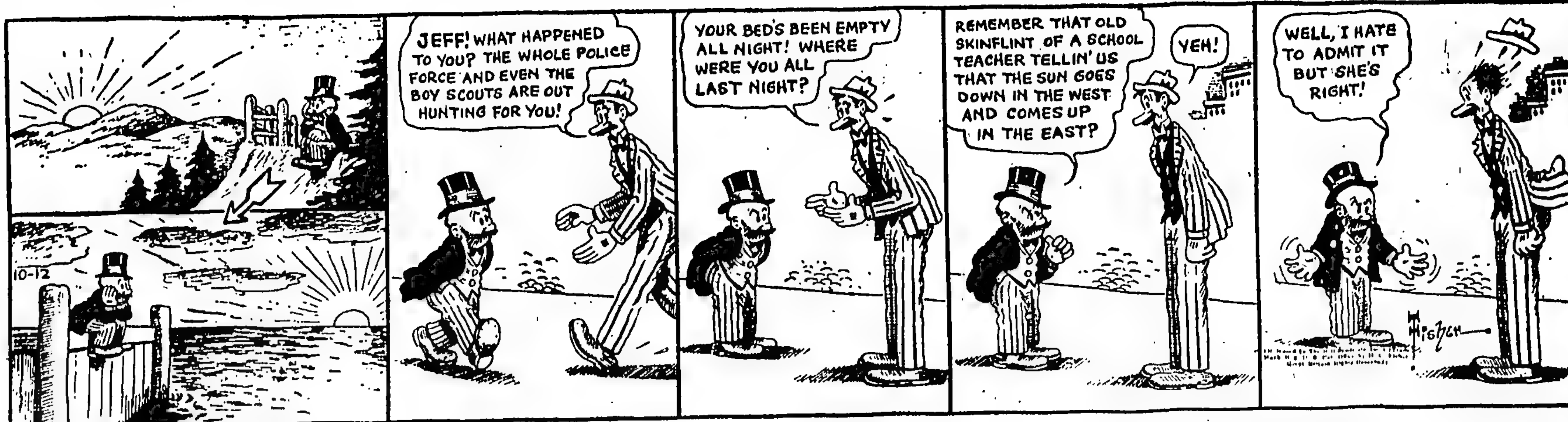
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Tchaikowsky's  
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6.00 p.m.—"For the Children".  
Nursery Night Ride (A Bedtime  
Fantasy)....Bram Martin & his  
Band with Vocal Chorus.  
Birthdays

Singing Games for Young Children  
....Harry Sosnik & his Orchestra.  
Studio—"Alice in Wonderland"—  
Aunt Susan; Woof! Yap! Bow-  
wow-wow!....Arthur Askey with  
Piano accompaniment.

## To-day's Wireless

ZBW 355 M. (845 k.c.'s) and 31.49 M.  
9.52 Megacycles

Old Folks at Home (Swanee River)  
....Paul Robeson with Orchestra.  
6.30 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quota-  
tions.  
6.32 p.m.—A Programme of Dance  
Favourites.

Fox-Trots—Little Drummer Boy;  
Once in a While....Jay Wilbur &  
His Band with Vocal Chorus.  
Fox-Trots—I've got the World on a  
String; Mood Indigo....Joe Para-  
dise & His Music with Vocal Re-  
frain.  
Comedy Waltz—Dandelion, Daisy  
and Daffodil....Billy Cotton &  
His Band with Vocal Chorus.  
Slow Fox-Trot—Me and the Moon  
....Billy Cotton & His Band with  
Vocal Chorus.  
Fox-Trots—The Sheep were in the  
Meadow; A Little Co-operation  
from You (From "Going Greek")  
....Harry Roy & His Orchestra.  
with Vocal Refrain.  
Tangos—Jalousie....Xavier Cugat &  
His Hotel Wardorf Astoria Orch.;  
Tu Sals....Henry King and His  
Hotel Pierre Orch. with Vocal Re-  
frain.

Fox-Trots—Be careful, Young Lady;  
A Little White Gardenia (Film  
"All the King's Horses")....Art  
Kassels & His Kassels-in-the-Air  
with Vocal Chorus.  
Fox-Trots—Love's Old Sweet Melo-  
dy....The Organ, the Dance Band  
& Me with Billy Thorburn at  
Piano, H. Robinson Cleaver at  
Organ and Vocal Refrain; Any  
Broken Hearts to Mend....The  
Organ, The Dance Band And Me.

7.15 p.m.—The J. H. Squire Celeste  
Octet.  
Valse Bluettes—Air de Ballet (Dri-  
go); Narcissus (Nevin) Operatic  
(Famous Operatic Melodies).

7.30 p.m.—LONDON—The News.

8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Weather  
Report and Announcements.

8.03 p.m.—Tchaikowsky—"The Sleep-  
ing Princess" Suite—Sadler's Wells  
Orchestra.

8.30 p.m.—Songs by Augellano Pertile  
(Tenors) from Grand Opera.

Going One Day into the Boundless  
Blue ("Andrea Chenier"—Act 1—  
Giordano)....with New Sym-  
phony Orchestra.

Close to You ("Andrea Chenier")  
(Giordano)....M. Sheridan & A.  
Pertile with the La Scala Orch.

Our Death (Act 4—"Andrea Chen-  
ier") (Giordano)....M. Sheridan  
& A. Pertile with La Scala Orch.

8.43 p.m.—Violin Solos by Szizgeti.

Sonata No. 3 in D (Weber); Piece  
en forme D'Habanera (Ravel—  
Leduc); Study in Thirds (Scriabin  
—Op. 8, No. 10); Menuet (Debuss-

sy—Dushkin); Tambourin Chinois  
(Kreisler)....Kurt Ruhrseitz at  
the Piano.

Danse Russe (From "Petrouchka"—  
Stravinsky); Norwegian Song—  
"Snow" (Sigurd Lie); Gavotte  
(From "Classical Symphony")  
(Prokofeff, Op. 25)....Nikita de  
Magaloff at the Piano.

9.05 p.m.—STUDIO—Comments on  
Recent Events.

9.15 p.m.—LONDON—The News.

9.30 p.m.—B.B.C. Recording—"Zoo  
'Oliday", Gert & Daisy visit the Zoo.

The Book by Elsie & Doris Waters  
and Ashley Sterne. Lyrics by Elsie  
Waters. Music by Ashley Sterne.  
Produced by Charles Brewer.

10.25 p.m.—A Dance Programme.

Fox-Trots—When a Woman Smiles;  
Good-bye, Little Dream, Good-  
bye....Jack Hylton & his Orch.

Tangos—Mal de Ausencia; Pura Mi-  
longa....Orquesta Tipica Fran-  
cisco Canaro.

Quickstep—Avalon; Fox-Trot—My  
Honey's Loving Arms....Val Ros-  
ing & his Swing Stars.

Fox-Trots—On Your Toes; There's a  
Small Hotel....Jack Hylton & his  
Orch. with Vocal Refrain.

Fox-Trot—Speaking of the Weather  
(Film "Gold Diggers of 1937")....  
George Elliott & his Sweet Music  
Makers with Vocal Refrain.

Waltz—My Heart's in Old Killarney  
....George Elliott & his Sweet Music  
Makers with Vocal Refrain.

Fox-Trot—Hot Time in the Old  
Town To-night....Freddie  
"Schnickelfritz" Fisher & his  
Band.

11.00 p.m.—CLOSE DOWN.

## ASOME'S HAT TRICK

In a friendly cricket match played  
at the Police Recreation Club yester-  
day, St. Joseph's College beat Police  
R. C. by 3 runs.

Police R. C.—127 (H. Danbrowsky  
89, H. G. Asome 4 for 42 including the  
hat trick, M. Mendonca 3 for 41).

St. Joseph's College—130 (R. Silva  
48, P. Rull 21, V. Mendonca 17, S. K.  
Khan 14, C. Pope 3 for 40, J. Lewis 3  
for 40, D. Fyffe 1 for 4).

## RECREIO HOCKEY WIN

Club de Recreio beat Signals in the  
Association Hockey Tournament yester-  
day by two goals, scored by Se-  
queira and W. Reed in the first half.

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with us that no situation in Bridge  
could be more unpleasant to con-  
template than the prospect of having  
the opponents bid and make a  
vulnerable Grand Slam. And we  
would certainly think long and earn-  
estly if the opportunity presented  
itself to make a sacrifice bid and  
"cheat" our opponents out of their  
enormous bonus. In a recent rubber  
game Walter Malowan was faced  
with this exact situation.

West, Dealer  
North-South vulnerable

Mr. Malowan  
♠ K Q J 7  
♥ 9 4  
♦ K Q 8 3  
♣ 6 5  
N  
W  
E  
S  
♠ A 10 9 8  
♥ 6 4 3  
♦ 7 6  
♣ 10 9 2  
♠ 5  
♥ Q 10 8 6 3  
♦ J 10 9 2  
♣ 8 7 4

The bidding:

West	North	East	South
1♠	2♠	4♠	Pass
Pass	5♠	Pass	6♥
6♠	7♥	Pass	Pass
Pass			

North's bidding is worthy of com-  
ment. His cue-bid of two spades  
over Mr. Malowan's bid of one spade  
is the strongest type  
of "takeout double."

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ACE 3  
KING 2  
QUEEN 1  
JACK 0

Take me out in your best suit and we  
will continue to game and possibly a  
Slam."

After North's cue-bid, East inter-  
jected a shut-out bid of four spades,  
which effectually silenced South.  
However North, still determined to  
force his partner to show his best

suit, made a second cue-bid. After  
South's six-heart takeout Mr.  
Malowan, willing to sacrifice, bid six  
spades. Rather than accept a penal-  
ty, North decided to try for a Grand  
Slam; and Mr. Malowan then had to  
decide whether to make a further  
sacrifice or attempt to defeat his op-  
ponents. Mr. Malowan knew that  
his only possible defensive trick lay  
in diamonds. But, he reasoned, un-  
less North held an exceptionally long,  
solid club suit, it was quite likely  
that South would be unable to obtain  
a sufficient number of discards.

This proved to be the case for,  
while South was able to throw two  
diamonds on dummy's club suit, he  
still had one loser which he could  
not get rid of and the Grand Slam  
was defeated.

Yesterday you were Merwin Maier's  
partner and held:

♠ x x x  
♥ A Q x x  
♦ K 10 x  
♣ A x x

The bidding:

Maier	Schenken	You	Burnstone
1♥	Pass	(?)	

ANSWER: Your correct bid is three  
hearts. You have splendid support  
for your partner and a tremendous  
high card holding, but it is unlikely  
that you can make a Slam unless  
partner can invite it.

Score 100% for three hearts, 60%  
for four hearts (should indicate more  
distribution and less high cards),  
40% for two clubs or two diamonds  
(unnecessary artificial bids), 0 for  
other bids.

QUESTION NO. 262

You are the dealer and hold:

♠ A J  
♥ Q 9 8  
♦ A K 6 5 4  
♣ K J 2

What do you bid? (Answer  
tomorrow.)

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## SATURDAY'S SPORT

### NAVYLIGHT'S FAST LAST HALF MILE: LADY HOCKEY CHAMPIONS COMMENCE SEASON IN GREAT STYLE.

**FIVE** favourites — Confusion Bay (Mr. Black), Strathbannock (Mr. Black), Navylight (Mr. Moller), Wilber (Mr. Sung) and Royal Highness (Mr. Needa) — won at the Jockey Club's 11th Extra Meeting on Saturday.

Boolat Bay (Mr. Needa), Court- ing Eve (Mr. Pih) and Brutus (Mr. Pih) were made favourites, but Boolat Bay was the only one to place.

Enough has been written and said concerning Navylight's win in the Hong Kong St. Leger so I will say only that it was a grand race in every sense of the word. A comparison of the times set by Navylight, which led all the way round, and Liberty Bay, which established the China pony record on February 20, 1933, when winning the Challenge Cup from Gay Crusader (Mr. Wong), the only other contender, makes interesting reading.

	Liberty Bay	Navylight
1st quarter	30.3	31.2
2nd quarter	30.1	32.2
3rd quarter	30.2	31.3
4th quarter	29.2	31.4
5th quarter	30.4	31.2
6th quarter	30.3	28.4
7th quarter	30.4	26.1
Mile	2.00.3	2.07.1
1 1/4 Miles	2.31.2	2.38.3
1 1/2 Miles	3.02.0	3.07.1
1 3/4 Miles	3.32.4	3.33.1

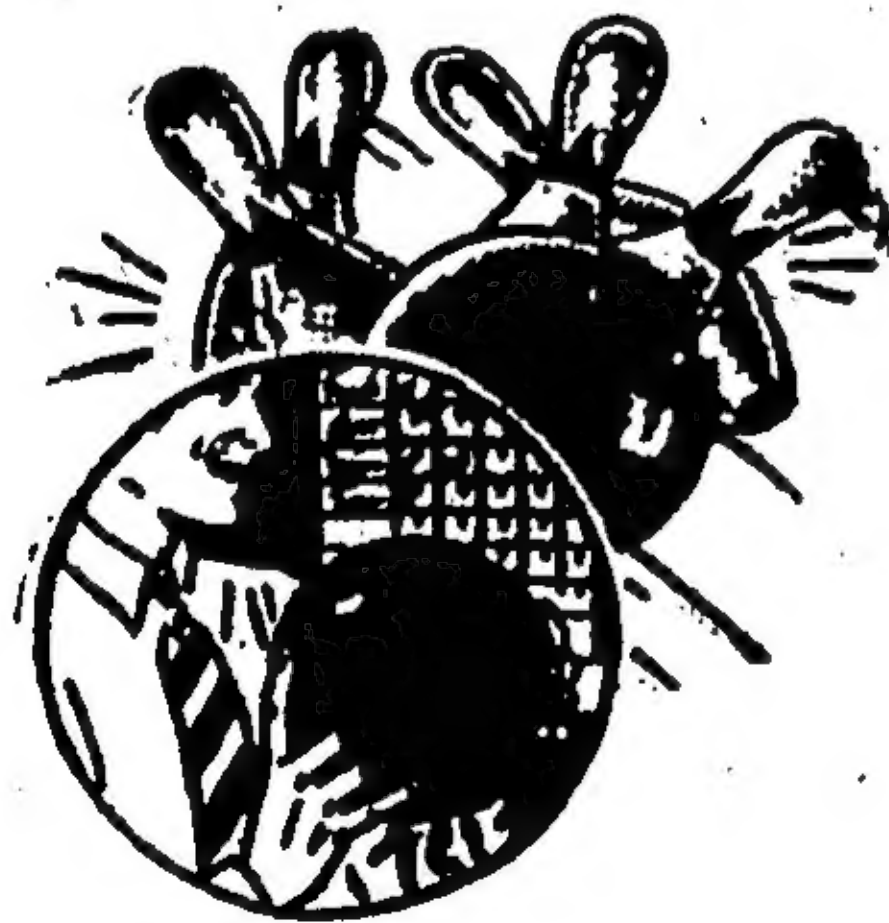
Confusion Bay's record-shattering run over a mile compares as follows:

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th
qr.	qr.	qr.	qr.	qr.
Confusion Bay	27.0	27.3	29.2	30.0
Diana Bay (1933)	27.3	27.2	29.4	30.1
Rose Elect. (1939)	29.1	27.2	28.3	29.4

The record of 1.55.0 was bettered by a full second by Confusion Bay, which was not extended by Bear Claw, which ran second to Rose Elect when it equalled the record earlier this year.

Wilber's win was a popular one and it must have encouraged its popular owner as a change of mafoos did not please Wilber very much. This temperamental little pony, however, came through just in time to snatch victory from Phoenix by a short head.

**RUGBY** The match between Club and Army and Police and Navy clearly justified the innovation, and if Carter, Cochrane and Paul had been playing for the latter team as exciting a game as possible would probably have been witnessed. Stevens was missed from full-back and I understand he has



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left the Colony for an indefinite period. Richards again gave a fine display on the wing and it is hoped his knee injury will yield quickly to treatment. He and Stewart are definitely our best wing-threequarters.

In the next such game it would be interesting to see how D. H. Taylor would fare at full-back, Wall at stand-off and Fay at centre threequarter.

Castleton seems assured of a regular place in the Club pack, being an excellent hooker and a definite asset in the loose.

Waite and Boe gave good displays for Army "A", and it seems a pity that they should be left out of the mixed matches. Bax again tackled very soundly when he was able to get near his man, but he is a little slow to recover. I understand, incidentally, that he is a very useful tennis player.

**HOCKEY** The Caer Clark Cup League season has started, and "Y" Ladies, champions for the past three seasons, look to have a very useful team. Miss Bockler, centre-forward last season, did very well on the left-wing and showed good combination with Mrs. Gardner, while Mrs. Starbuck, back to the game after an absence of two seasons, showed up promisingly at centre-half. Miss M. McCaw gave an excellent display at right-half, tackling well and feeding her forwards with judicious passes. Last season she played at centre-half, but she is settling down amazingly well to her new position. Miss Stokes was not so impressive at left-half and she will have to improve greatly if she is to keep the indispensible Miss K. Pocock out of the team. C.B.A. made a bold experiment when they transferred Miss D. Moss from goal to centre-forward, but it should not be long before they discover that Miss Moss is much more valuable between the posts. Miss I. Woolley, Interport captain, worked hard to hold up the champions' fast-moving attack, but she did not receive the necessary support.

"Y" Ladies' juniors did better than expected when they held C.B.A. to a goalless draw in the Brawn Cup series. Mrs. V. Bradbury, inside-right, played better in the second half when she went to centre-forward, while Miss S. Russell was more impressive as inside-right than at centre-forward. Mrs. Herrington did well in goal and saved "Y" a point. Miss E. Woolley was the only dangerous C.B.A. forward, and she required very close watching. Mrs. Mackay, formerly of Seaforths' Ladies, was a bulwark in defence, her hard-hitting being one of the features of the game. Miss Marr again gave a dazzling display for H.K. Ladies, and opposing left-halves are in for fireworks if I am not mistaken. Possessing not only speed and ball control, she flashes across perfect centres. Miss Gray was very sound in their defence, while for C.B.S. Miss J. Moss excelled at centre-forward, Miss B. Goodwin was very reliable in defence and Miss S. Rousseau did well at right-half.

**CRICKET** Due to camp, most leading cricketers had a day-off. At Sookunpoo, however, University held an I.R.C. "A" team to 3 wickets, S. Mahmood securing 6 for 43 after at one time having 6 for 13. G. A. Goodban, Headmaster of D.B.S., flogged the School bowling to hit 19 boundaries in his 104 retired for K.C.C. juniors. Barros of Recreio scored 54 out of 72 against C.B.S., who were dismissed for 35. Whatman, Godby and Ratcliffe all topped the half century in the game at Sookunpoo.

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## ASSOCIATION RALLY IN SECOND HALF

(By "REFEREE")

In spite of a great improvement in the Hong Kong Football Association team after the interval, Hong Kong Chinese Amateur Athletic Federation won the first game of the Governor's Cup competition by 5 goals to 3 before a large crowd.

Both sides were forced to make several changes. Bright and Honniball were brought in at right and left-half respectively, in place of Wikinson and Coles, while Mak Shui-hon took the place of Lee Kwok-wai at back for the Chinese team. Other changes in the Federation team were Hsu King-seng as pivot and Lau Chi-tsun left-half.

The Chinese were far the better team in the first half and but for the good work of Hendy and Sheehan they would have held a bigger lead at the interval than 4 goals to 1.

Williamson had his first real test against Lee Wai-tong and did as well as could be expected. Bright, at right-half, started shakily but improved greatly in the second half and more than held his own against Hau Ching-to. In the first half he sent Fowler through with several neat passes and in the second period was again prominent with his distribution.

Honniball, brought in at the last minute, was in great form and did very well against the wily Fung King-cheong and Yeung Shui-yick. He was often hasty in his clearances but his tackling and feeding were good, particularly in the first half.

Sheehan and Hendy played well as a pair but short interpassing forced them out of position several times.

Robinson brought off several good saves, and in the first half was kept continually on the move with shots from all directions.

### FORWARDS LACK COMBINATION

Combination was lacking in the attack. Middleton, on the left-wing, was speedy and sent over several good centres, while Thorburn, his partner, was hardworking, using his weight to good advantage.

Hossack sent in some hard drives but he was too inclined to hold on to the ball and was often robbed. He had hard luck on two occasions when he missed the post narrowly.

A. V. Gosano distributed the ball well and contented himself with making the openings for the other forwards. Fowler, on the right wing, was good in spasms but he spoiled many chances by slowness in passing.

Lee Ting-sang and Mak Shui-hon were not so steady under pressure. Mak was erratic in his clearances and his placing of the ball left much to be desired.

The Chinese intermediate line was a hard working trio. Hsu King-seng, in the pivotal position, shone with his tackling and generally had the better of Hossack, while on his left Lau Ting-sang gave him good support.

### CHINESE SCORE FIRST

The Chinese opened the scoring early in the first half through Chow Man-chi and a few minutes later Lee Wai-tong netted after Robinson had left his goal. Chow and Lee again scored before the interval, Hossack reducing the arrears from a perfect pass from Gosano.

In the second half the Association team did most of the attacking and were rewarded by two goals through Gosano and Fowler.

Heartened by these successes the Association team crowded on pressure and Cheung Wing-choi was repeatedly called on to save. Yeung Shui-yick made the game safe for the Chinese when he scored shortly before time.

### KUMAONS WIN

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# SATURDAY'S SPORT

(Continued from Page 17)  
**POLICE** wasted many opportunities against St. Joseph's by sending in long range shots which Tsang dealt with ease. The Police forwards also **FOOTBALL** hung on to the ball too long when on the attack with the result the Saints were given time to recover.

South China "A" made changes in their team and were not seen at their best against Middlesex, who were unlucky not to secure both points. The Chinese badly missed Fung King-cheong and Leung Wing-chiu, both of whom were on the injured list.

Engineers, playing 10 men soon after the start, did well to beat Kwong Wah by the odd goal. For Kwong Wah, Lam Ching-fong was a clever custodian, while Chin Chi-fun and Henry Young were often dangerous in the

forward line, and had they been better supported by their halves they might have scored more than once.

No fault could be found with the Engineers' side as every player gave of his best. Chong Cheung-pak, left-back, and Howton, centre-forward, were particularly outstanding, although Howton was not seen to the best advantage as he was too well watched.

International were very unfortunate not to have beaten 20th Heavy Battery, as Delgado, their pivot, put through his own goal in a melee in the goalmouth during the last few minutes of the game.

The pick of the Gunners were Atkins, Findlay in attack, and Hodgson and Taylor in defence. Minshall in goal had an off day and did not shine. International were best served by Campos and Rocha.

# C.R.C. PAIR IN FINAL

Tsui Yan-pui and Miss Yeung Wai-bun reached the Final of the Colony Mixed Doubles Tennis Championship yesterday when they beat Lieut. Col. J. S. Smith and Miss M. Griffiths 6-2, 6-4.

They will now meet either Lee Wai-tong and Mrs. Chui Chun-chui or the winners of the game between T. A. Pearce and Mrs. Whitham and W. C. Hung and Mrs. E. Lo-Litton.

The Final will be played on Saturday next at Chinese Recreation Club, starting at 2.30 p.m.

Mr. Justice R. E. Lindsell will distribute the prizes.

# SOFTBALL RESULTS

The following were the results of games played in the Softball League yesterday:

## Women's League

Wildcats 30, Cubs 8.  
 Wahoos 15, Ball Club 0.  
 Cardinals 12, Panthers 11.  
 Récreio 10, Pirates 4.

## Men's League

Trojans 6, Liga 2.  
 Ball Club 12, CBA 1.  
 Récreio 3, U.S.S. Asheville 2 (9 inns).

# TSUI AND KONG WIN

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Hong Kong, 20th Nov., 1939.

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Before returning to Paris yesterday, General Sikorski, the Polish Premier, had long discussions with Dr. Benes, the Czech leader.

On Saturday, General Sikorski was in conference with Dr. Hodza, the former Czech Foreign Minister.

Before leaving, General Sikorski, re-emphasised Poland's determination and collaboration with the Allies.

He had been deeply moved by the sympathy and encouragement he had received in Britain, notably from Their Majesties the King and Queen.

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## BELGIAN COAST MINES

London, To-day.

Late last night it was reported that two more ships had struck mines and had been damaged, by mines laid off the Belgian coast.

One man was killed and four injured on one of the ships.

Mines have been washed up on the Belgian coast and have exploded, causing some damage.—Reuter.

## FIRTH OF FORTH HAS AIR RAID ALARM

LONDON, TO-DAY.

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## BENES AND SIKORSKI CONFER

London, To-day.

Dr. Edouard Benes, ex-President of Czecho-Slovakia, and General Sikorski, Premier of Poland, had a long interview at the Polish Embassy yesterday.

General Sikorski afterwards said: "There is a common decision to repair the damage done to our countries."—Reuter.

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An electric shop master, Tse Ping, was charged with receiving.

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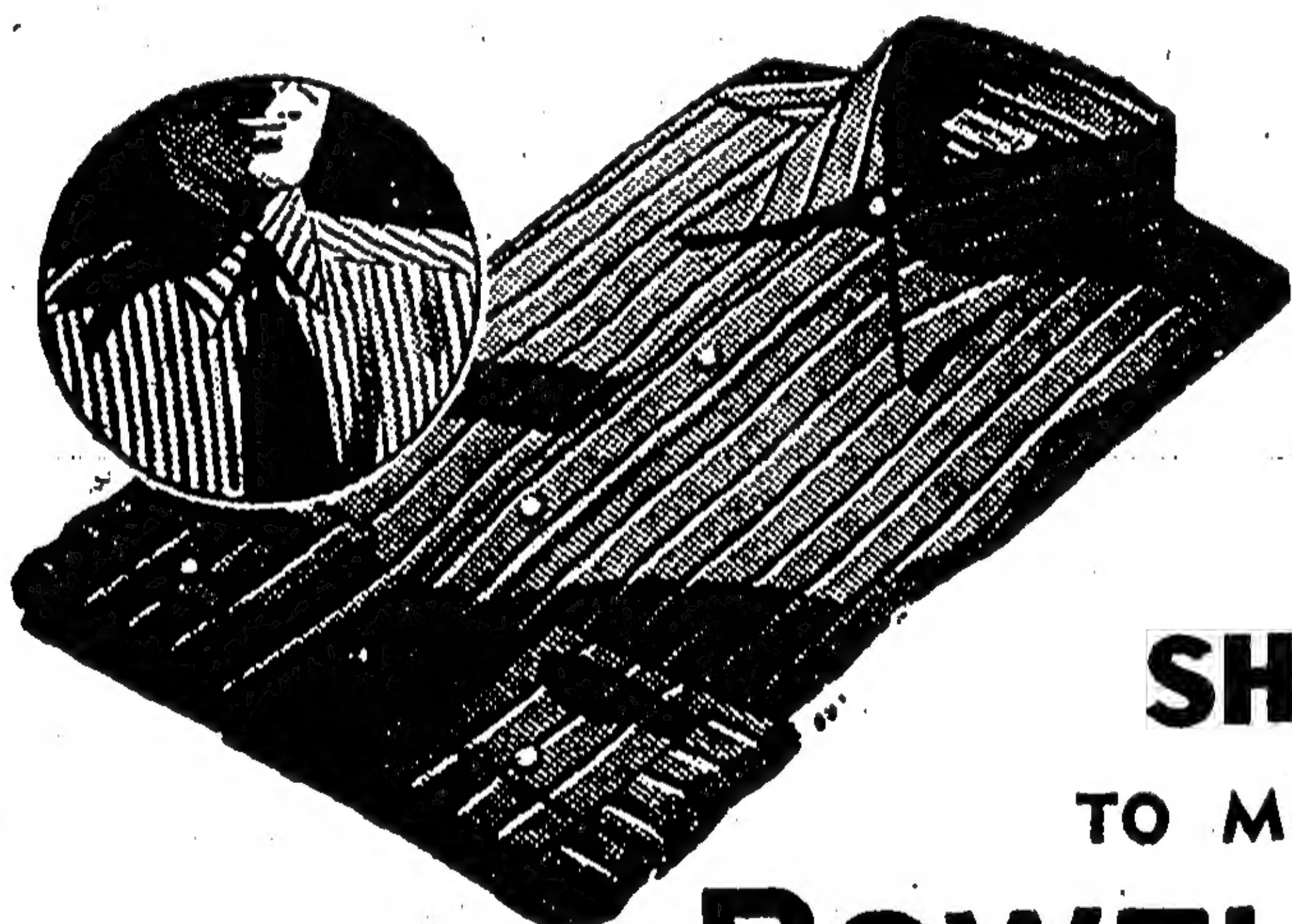
Five men were killed in the explosion which sank the Italian steamer, *Grazia*.

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